

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to establish a legislative management redistricting committee, to provide for
2 the implementation of a legislative redistricting plan, and to provide for a special legislative
3 session; and to declare an emergency.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE - SPECIAL**

6 **LEGISLATIVE SESSION.** The chairman of the legislative management shall appoint a

7 committee to develop a legislative redistricting plan to be implemented in time for use in the

8 2012 primary election. The committee must consist of an equal number of members from the

9 senate and the house of representatives and the chairman of the legislative management shall

10 appoint members based upon the recommendations of the majority and minority leaders of the

11 senate and the house of representatives. The composition of the committee must be

12 established so as to give the two political parties having the most members in each house

13 approximately the same total proportionate representation on the committee as prevails in that

14 house. The committee shall ensure that any legislative redistricting plan submitted to the

15 legislative assembly for consideration must be of compact and contiguous territory and conform

16 to all constitutional requirements with respect to population equality. The committee may adopt

17 additional constitutionally recognized redistricting guidelines and principles to implement in

18 preparing a legislative redistricting plan for submission to the legislative assembly. The

19 committee shall submit a redistricting plan and legislation to implement the plan to the

20 legislative management by October 31, 2011. The chairman of the legislative management shall

21 request the governor ~~shall~~to call a special session of the legislative assembly pursuant to

22 section 7 of article V of the Constitution of North Dakota to allow the legislative assembly to

23 adopt a redistricting plan to be implemented in time for use in the 2012 primary election and to

- 1 address any other issue that may be necessary, including consideration of legislation in
- 2 response to federal health care reform legislation.
- 3 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.