

SBOL1406

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2009 and 2010
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Introduced 2/6/2009, by Sen. Michael M. Snyder

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Amends the Legislature Article IV of the Illinois Constitution. Requires that the State Board of Elections to create a computer program to propose 3 different district maps following the Federal decennial census year. The computer program will create 3 random maps with only the specified data contained in sect. Effective beginning with redistricting in 2011 and applies to members elected in 2012 and thereafter. Effective immediately

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Article VI

The Legislation

(ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3)

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population.

(b) The State Board of Elections shall create a computer program to update congressional, state legislative districts to be submitted to the Illinois State Supreme Court by June 30 of the year following the Federal Decennial Census. The Illinois State supreme court will approve the proposed maps to ensure they conform with the standards of Art IV Sect. 3

(c) Once the 3 proposed maps have been approved by the Illinois State Supreme Court it will be submitted to the General Assembly no later than August 30 of the year following the Federal Decennial Census.

(d) The criteria of the computer program will be limited to
a) Substantial equality of population

- 1 b) County lines, city limits
- 2 c) Compactness
- 3 d) Contiguity
- 4 e) Each State Representative district must be
5 contained within only one State Senatorial
6 district
- 7 f) Both the state Representative and State
8 Senatorial districts must be contained within
9 one Congressional District

10 (e) The computer program will not take into account incumbent
11 addresses, previous election results, political party
12 affiliations, to favor or discriminate any person or
13 group

14 (f) The State Board of Elections will arrange 2 separate public
15 hearings concerning the redistricting of state and
16 congressional districts. There will be no less than a 7
17 day notice to the public for the time and place of each
18 meeting

19 (g) The maps will be made available for public viewing at the
20 State Board of Elections website no less than 7 day
21 before public hearings on new district maps

22 (h) ~~(b)~~ In the year following each Federal decennial census
23 year, the State Board of Elections ~~General Assembly by~~

1 ~~law~~ shall propose 3 redistricted maps of the Legislative
2 ~~Districts~~ and the Representative Districts using a
3 computer program created under subsection (d) and (e) to
4 the general assembly for a vote on a map to become law.
5 The General Assembly will vote on a map no later than
6 October 31 of the year following Decennial Census
7 Requires a constitutional majority from both house of
8 the general assembly to pass

9 (i) This amendment cannot be changed except to further the
10 purpose of the act and can only be altered in a year
11 other than 0 or 1

12 (j) ~~If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of~~
13 ~~that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall~~
14 ~~be constituted not later than July 10. The Commission~~
15 ~~shall consist of eight members, no more than four of whom~~
16 ~~shall be members of the same political party. The Speaker~~
17 ~~and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall~~
18 ~~each appoint to the Commission one Representative and~~
19 ~~one person who is not a member of the General Assembly.~~
20 ~~The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall~~
21 ~~each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one person~~
22 ~~who is not a member of the General Assembly. The members~~
23 ~~shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the~~
24 ~~appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission~~
25 ~~shall be filled within five days by the authority that~~

1 ~~made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice~~
2 ~~Chairman shall be chosen by a majority of all members of~~
3 ~~the Commission.~~

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5 (k) ~~Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with~~
6 ~~the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by~~
7 ~~at least five members. If the Commission fails to file~~
8 ~~an approved redistricting plan, the Supreme Court shall~~
9 ~~submit the names of two persons, not of the same~~
10 ~~political party, to the Secretary of State not later~~
11 ~~than September 1. Not later than September 5, the~~
12 ~~Secretary of State publicly shall draw by random~~
13 ~~selection the name of one of the two persons to serve as~~
14 ~~the ninth member of the Commission. Not later than~~
15 ~~October 5, the Commission shall file with the Secretary~~
16 ~~of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five~~
17 ~~members.~~

18 (l) An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary
19 of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force
20 and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the
21 Secretary of State.

22 (m) The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive
23 jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the

1 House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of
2 the People of the State by the Attorney General.

3 (Source: Article IV Sect. 3 Illinois Constitution,

4 SCHEDULE

5 This amendment takes effect with redistricting beginning
6 in 2011 and applies to election of members of the
7 general assembly in 2012