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Initiative Proposal 76 FINAL DRAFT:

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1: In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 46 of article V as follows:

Section 46. Senatorial and representative districts. The state shall be divided into as many senatorial and representative districts as there are members of the senate and house of representatives respectively, each REPRESENTATIVE district ~~in each house~~ having a population as nearly equal as may be, as required by the constitution of the United States, but in no event shall there be more than five percent deviation between the most populous and the least populous REPRESENTATIVE district. ~~in each house.~~ EACH SENATORIAL DISTRICT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY COMBINING NO MORE THAN TWO GEOGRAPHICALLY NEIGHBORING COUNTIES IN THEIR ENTIRETY, EXCEPT THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTIES MAY EACH FORM ONE DISTRICT UNTIL THE NUMBER OF SENATORIAL DISTRICTS IS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

SECTION 2: In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **amend** section 47 of article V as follows:

Section 47. Composition of districts. (1) Each REPRESENTATIVE district shall be as compact in area as possible and the aggregate linear distance of all REPRESENTATIVE district boundaries shall be as short as possible. Each REPRESENTATIVE district shall consist of contiguous whole general election precincts. Districts of the same house shall not overlap.

(2) Except when necessary to meet the equal population requirements of section 46, no part of one county shall be added to all or part of another county in forming REPRESENTATIVE districts. Within counties whose territory is contained in more than one REPRESENTATIVE district ~~of the same house~~, the number of cities and towns whose territory is contained in more than one

REPRESENTATIVE district of the same house shall be as small as possible. When county, city, or town boundaries are changed, adjustments, if any, in legislative districts shall be as prescribed by law.

(3) Consistent with the provisions of this section and section 46 of this article, communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors, shall be preserved within a single district wherever possible.