

Colorado Secretary of State

Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado,

**SECTION 1.** In the constitution of the state of Colorado, amend section 45 of article V as follows:

**Section 45. General assembly.** (1) The general assembly shall consist of:

(a) ~~Not more than~~ Thirty-five members of the senate, ~~and of not more than sixty-five members of the house of representatives,~~ one to be elected from each senatorial ~~and each representative~~ district; ~~respectively.~~  
AND

(b) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ONE TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT, WHICH DISTRICTS ARE AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 46 (2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

**Section 46. Senatorial and representative districts.** (1) 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 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 district in ~~each house~~ THE SENATE.

(2) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2017, THE STATE SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO AS MANY REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS AS THERE ARE COUNTIES IN THE STATE, WITH EACH SUCH DISTRICT COMPRISED OF ONE ENTIRE COUNTY.

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

**Section 47. Composition of districts.** (1) (a) Each SENATE

district shall be as compact in area as possible and the aggregate linear distance of all district boundaries shall be as short as possible. Each SENATE district shall consist of contiguous whole general election precincts. SENATE districts ~~of the same house~~ shall not overlap.

(b) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2017, EACH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT CONSISTS OF, AND ITS BOUNDARIES ARE COTERMINOUS WITH THE BOUNDARIES OF, ONE ENTIRE COUNTY IN THE STATE. ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH SUCH DISTRICT. WHEN THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES INCREASES OR DECREASES, ADJUSTMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

(2) Except when necessary to meet the equal population requirements of section 46 OF THIS ARTICLE, no part of one county shall be added to all or part of another county in forming SENATE districts. Within counties whose territory is contained in more than one district of the ~~same house~~ SENATE, the number of cities and towns whose territory is contained in more than one district of the ~~same house~~ SENATE shall be as small as possible. When county, city, or town boundaries are changed, adjustments, if any, in ~~legislative~~ SENATE 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 SENATE district wherever possible.

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 48 of article V, amend section (1) (a) as follows:

**Section 48.** Revision and alteration of representative districts - reapportionment commission. (1)(a) After each federal census of the

United States, the senatorial districts and ~~representative districts~~ shall be established, revised, or altered, and the members of the senate ~~and the house of representatives~~ apportioned among them, by a Colorado reapportionment commission consisting of eleven members, to be appointed and having the qualifications as prescribed in this section. Of such members, four shall be appointed by the legislative department, three by the executive department, and four by the judicial department of the state.