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COMPOSITION OF CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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Colorado Secretary of State

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

In the constitution of the State of Colorado, **amend** article 47 of article V as follows:

Section 47. Composition of districts

(1) Each 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 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 OR COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, no part of one county shall be added to all or part of another county in forming districts. Within counties whose territory is contained in more than one district of the same house, the number of cities and towns whose territory is contained in more than one 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) Communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors, shall be preserved within a single district wherever possible.

(4) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS AFFILIATED WITH EACH OF THE TWO POLITICAL PARTIES WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF AFFILIATED REGISTERED VOTERS STATEWIDE AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE DISTRICTS ARE BEING DRAWN SHALL BE AS NEARLY AS PRACTICAL EQUAL IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL, STATE SENATE AND HOUSE DISTRICT TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS SO AFFILIATED STATEWIDE, IN NO CASE SHALL THE DIFFERENCE VARY FROM THE STATEWIDE DIFFERENCE BY MORE THAN THREE PERCENT IN ANY CONGRESIONAL DISTRICT OR BY MORE THAN SIX PERCENT IN ANY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, AND IN NO CASE SHALL THE PERCENTAGE OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS IN ANY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VARY BY MORE THAN THREE PERCENT AND IN ANY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT BY MORE THAN SIX PERCENT FROM THE STATEWIDE PERCENTAGE OF UNAFFILIATED REGISTERED VOTERS.