

2025-2026 #251 – Amended

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

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section ~~44~~44.4 of article V, **add** ~~(1.5)7~~, as follows:

~~(1.5)(7)(a)~~ (a) UPON ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAN, NO PLAN MAY BE MODIFIED FOR THE 2028 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION OR THEREAFTER EXCEPT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION AND ADOPTION BY THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT.

(b) IN REVIEWING ~~THE ANY~~ PLAN OUTSIDE THE REDISTRICTING YEAR, THE COMMISSION MUST HOLD AT LEAST THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

(c) OUTSIDE THE REDISTRICTING YEAR, NO MAP MAY BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION OR GIVEN EFFECT BY THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT IF IT:

(I) FAILS TO PRESERVE, AS MUCH AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE, WHOLE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST OR;

(II) HAS BEEN DRAWN PURPOSEFULLY TO FAVOR ONE POLITICAL PARTY OR TO MINIMIZE POLITICALLY COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS.

SECTION 2. ~~In constitution of the state of Colorado, section 44.3 of article V, **add** (4)(c), as follows:~~

~~(4) No map may be approved by the commission or given effect by the supreme court if:~~

~~(a) It has been drawn for the purpose of protecting one or more incumbent members, or one or more declared candidates, of the United States house of representatives or any political party; or~~

~~(b) It has been drawn for the purpose of or results in the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen to vote on account of that person's race or membership in a language minority group, including diluting the impact of that racial or language minority group's electoral influence.~~

~~(4)(c) IT HAS BEEN DRAWN PURPOSEFULLY TO FAVOR ONE POLITICAL PARTY OR TO MINIMIZE POLITICALLY COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS.~~