



- 33 boundaries; and
- 34 (ii) permitting small deviations in population between districts to avoid unnecessary
- 35 division of counties and municipalities; and
- 36 (g) when creating districts that include areas from more than one county, to the extent
- 37 practicable:
- 38 (i) join areas of the counties that are directly and proximately connected by a
- 39 commonly used road;
- 40 (ii) permit small deviations in population between districts, especially in less-populated
- 41 counties, to improve compactness and permit more effective representation; and
- 42 (iii) join areas of the counties that share common commercial or other interests.
- 43 (2) In addition to the requirements described in Subsection (1), the Legislature shall
- 44 comply with the following procedures:
- 45 (a) determine the standard district population by dividing the total state population, as
- 46 determined by the most recent decennial census, by the total number of districts;
- 47 (b) determine each county's district quotient by dividing the population of the county
- 48 by the standard district population;
- 49 (c) list the counties in descending order from the county with the highest district
- 50 quotient to the county with the lowest district quotient;
- 51 (d) to determine the presumed number of districts to be formed entirely within a
- 52 county, round the district quotient of each county with a district quotient of more than one
- 53 down to the nearest whole number;
- 54 (e) for each county with a district quotient of less than one, list the counties in
- 55 descending order from the county with the highest district quotient to the county with the
- 56 lowest district quotient; and
- 57 (f) create districts that include areas from more than one county by:
- 58 (i) to the extent practicable, starting with the undivided area of the counties at the top
- 59 of the list described in Subsection (2)(e); and
- 60 (ii) combining the areas described in Subsection (2)(f)(i) with areas on the list in
- 61 adjacent counties, while, to the extent reasonably practicable, keeping the areas in the adjacent
- 62 counties whole.
- 63 (3) The Legislature should draw legislative districts with the objective of achieving fair

64 and proportional representation of the state's residents in both the Senate and the House of  
65 Representatives.

66 (4) This rule does not create a private right of action.

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