

1 District that is composed primarily of rural and suburban voters, while in her former Senate District she has
2 primarily represented urban and suburban voters; and

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature is required to return the plan to the Commission with its recommendations
4 on or before February 7, 2013.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7 That the Senate urges the passage of amendments necessary for the Legislative Redistricting Plan to
8 conform to the Commission's established criteria. To this end, the Senate recommends that the Commission
9 consider the following amendments:

10 (1) redraw House Districts 24 and 25 in Cascade County, House Districts 47, 48, 49, and 50 in
11 Yellowstone County, House District 66 in Gallatin County, House District 81 in Lewis and Clark County, and
12 House District 96 in Missoula County to better meet the standard of a general appearance test regarding
13 compactness. A compact district would be more square-like, as opposed to a long rectangle.

14 (2) preserve both compactness and communities of interest by reassigning the following House Districts
15 into Senate District pairings: House Districts 73 and 76, House Districts 74 and 77, and House Districts 75 and
16 78. The House District lines for Districts 74 and 77 should be moved together in order to meet the contiguous
17 standard in the Commission's criteria.

18 (3) reassign the following holdover Senators to Senate Districts that include the communities from which
19 they were originally elected:

20 (a) Senator Webb from Senate District 23 to Senate District 22; and

21 (b) Senator Kaufmann from Senate District 40 to Senate District 41.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be kept on file by the Secretary of State and
23 that copies be sent by the Secretary of State to the presiding officer and each member of the Montana Districting
24 and Apportionment Commission.

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