

1 communities of interest whole; and

2 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds the Commission did not apply its criterion consistently when drawing
3 legislative districts; and

4 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds the Commission did not follow its criterion to keep communities of
5 interest intact when pairing House districts into Senate districts, including in Flathead County and districts in
6 Granite, Powell, Lewis and Clark, and Jefferson Counties.

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8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
9 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 That the Legislature exercises its constitutional role of recommendation to urge the passage of
11 amendments necessary for the Legislative Redistricting Plan to conform to the Commission's established
12 criteria. To this end, the Legislature recommends that the Commission consider the following amendments:

13 (1) redraw as necessary to keep cities intact;

14 (2) redraw noncompact districts while also following the Commission's criterion of looking at district
15 competitiveness; and

16 (3) keep established communities of interest intact by reconfiguring House pairings to Senate
17 seats.

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

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