Proposed Constitutional Amendment
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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado,

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, amend section 45 of article V as follows:

Section 45. General assembly. (1) The general assembly

shall consist of:

(a) Not more than Thirty-five members of the senate, and of not
more than sixty-five members of the house of representatives, one to be
elected from each senatorial and each representative district, respectively.

(b) Members of the house of representatives, one to be
elected from each representative district, which districts are as
described in section 46 (2) of this article.

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, amend section 46 of article V as follows:

Section 46. Senatorial and representative districts. (1) The
state shall be divided into as many senatorial and representative districts
as there are members of the senate, and house of representatives
respectively, each district in each house having a population as nearly
equal as may be, as required by the constitution of the United States, but
in no event shall there be more than five percent deviation between the
most populous and the least populous district in each house.

(2) Effective January 10, 2017, the state shall be divided
into as many representative districts as there are counties in
the state, with each such district comprised of one entire county.

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, amend section 47 of article V as follows:

Section 47. Composition of districts. (1) (a) Each senate
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
SENATE district shall consist of contiguous whole general election
precincts. SENATE districts of the same house shall not overlap.

(b) Effective January 10, 2017, each REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT CONSISTS OF, AND ITS BOUNDARIES ARE CTERMINOUS WITH THE
BOUNDARIES OF, ONE ENTIRE COUNTY IN THE STATE. ONE MEMBER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH SUCH
DISTRICT. WHEN THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES INCREASES OR DECREASES,
ADJUSTMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS
PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

(2) Except when necessary to meet the equal population
requirements of section 46 of this ARTICLE, no part of one county shall
be added to all or part of another county in forming SENATE districts.
Within counties whose territory is contained in more than one district of
the same house SENATE, the number of cities and towns whose territory
is contained in more than one district of the same house SENATE shall be
as small as possible. When county, city, or town boundaries are changed,
adjustments, if any, in LEGISLATIVE SENATE districts shall be as prescribed
by law.

(3) Consistent with the provisions of this section and section 46
of this article, communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural,
economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors, shall be
preserved within a single SENATE district wherever possible.

In the constitution of the state of Colorado, section 48 of article V,
amend section (1) (a) as follows:

Section 48. Revision and alteration of representative districts
- reapportionment commission. (1) (a) After each federal census of the
United States, the senatorial districts and representative districts shall be established, revised, or altered, and the members of the senate and the house of representatives apportioned among them, by a Colorado reapportionment commission consisting of eleven members, to be appointed and having the qualifications as prescribed in this section. Of such members, four shall be appointed by the legislative department, three by the executive department, and four by the judicial department of the state.