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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Proposes a constitutional amendment to create a bipartisan redistricting commission to establish congressional and legislative districts.

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**1** **Constitutional amendment.** Proposes a constitutional amendment under which congressional and legislative districts would be established by a redistricting commission that would be appointed in each year ending in the number "1", or when required by court order.

The nine-member commission would consist of the following:

- 4 members appointed by the leaders of each of the four legislative caucuses.
- 5 members appointed by unanimous agreement of the legislative appointees.

The commission would be required to adopt congressional and legislative plans by December 1 of the year ending in "1". A vote of at least 6 commission members is required to adopt a plan. The plans adopted by the commission would be effective for the next general election.

Provides original jurisdiction in the state Supreme Court to hear any matters relating to redistricting. Requires the Supreme Court to adopt a plan if the commission fails to adopt

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plans in the time provided by law.

- 2**      **Submission to voters.** Requires the proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters at the 2006 general election.