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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2002

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2002 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 People's Independent Maps Act.

6 Section 5. Independent Redistricting Commission.

7 (a) Because of the delay in receiving 2020 Census data,  
8 the Chief Justice and the most senior Supreme Court Justice  
9 who is not elected from the same political party as the Chief  
10 Justice shall select 16 commissioners no later than 30 days  
11 after the effective date of this Act to form the Independent  
12 Redistricting Commission. The commissioners shall reflect the  
13 ethnic, gender, and racial demographics of Illinois. Fourteen  
14 of the commissioners shall represent, in equal number, the 2  
15 political parties whose gubernatorial candidates received the  
16 greatest number of votes in the last gubernatorial election

1 and 2 of the commissioners shall represent neither of those  
2 parties. The 2 Supreme Court Justices responsible for  
3 selecting the 16 commissioners shall consider party  
4 identification and all campaign contributions in determining a  
5 potential commissioner's eligibility. There shall be at least  
6 2 commissioners from each Judicial District.

7 (b) A person is ineligible to serve on the Independent  
8 Redistricting Commission if within the previous 4 calendar  
9 years the person or his or her spouse or immediate family  
10 member was appointed or elected to a position with the State,  
11 federal, or local government; is a State employee; is a  
12 lobbyist as defined by law; has an ownership interest in an  
13 entity with a State or federal contract; or is appointed or  
14 elected to serve a political party. A commissioner is  
15 ineligible for a period of 10 years after serving on the  
16 Independent Redistricting Commission to be appointed to a  
17 position subject to Senate confirmation. Commissioners must  
18 file financial disclosure statements and abide by any ethics  
19 requirements established by law.

20 (c) The Independent Redistricting Commission shall act in  
21 public meetings by the affirmative votes of 10 commissioners.  
22 The Independent Redistricting Commission shall elect its  
23 chairperson and vice chairperson, who shall not be affiliated  
24 with the same political party. Each meeting of the Independent  
25 Redistricting Commission shall be open to the public and there  
26 must be public notice at least 7 days before a meeting. All

1 records of the Independent Redistricting Commission, including  
2 all communications to or from the Independent Redistricting  
3 Commission regarding the work of the Independent Redistricting  
4 Commission, shall be available for public inspection. The  
5 Independent Redistricting Commission shall adopt rules  
6 governing its procedures. The Independent Redistricting  
7 Commission shall be considered a public body subject to the  
8 Freedom of Information Act or a successor Act and the Open  
9 Meetings Act or a successor Act. Commissioners and staff may  
10 not communicate with or receive communications about  
11 redistricting matters from anyone outside of a public hearing.

12 (d) The Independent Redistricting Commission shall hold at  
13 least 10 public hearings throughout the State before adopting  
14 a redistricting plan, with a majority occurring before the  
15 Independent Redistricting Commission releases any proposed  
16 redistricting plan and at least 4 public hearings must occur  
17 throughout the State after the release of any proposed  
18 redistricting plan.

19 The Independent Redistricting Commission must provide a  
20 meaningful opportunity for racial minorities and language  
21 minorities to participate in the public hearings, including,  
22 but not limited to, issuing notices in multiple languages and  
23 ensuring that translation services are available at all  
24 hearings at the Independent Redistricting Commission's expense  
25 or through partnership with outside organizations. These  
26 public hearings must be open to all members of the public and

1 must be planned to encourage attendance and participation  
2 across the State, including the use of technology that allows  
3 for real-time, virtual participation and feedback during the  
4 hearings. When releasing a proposed redistricting plan, the  
5 Independent Redistricting Commission must also release  
6 population data, geographic data, election data, and any other  
7 data used to create the plan, when the Independent  
8 Redistricting Commission receives this information. The  
9 Independent Redistricting Commission must also provide  
10 terminals for members of the public to access the data and  
11 associated software. During the map drawing process, any  
12 member of the public may submit maps for consideration to the  
13 Independent Redistricting Commission. Those submissions are  
14 public records that are open to comment.

15 The Independent Redistricting Commission may not adopt a  
16 redistricting plan until the Independent Redistricting  
17 Commission adopts and publishes a report explaining the plan's  
18 compliance with the United States Constitution and Illinois  
19 Constitution. Before the adoption of a redistricting plan, the  
20 Independent Redistricting Commission shall release to the  
21 public the final plan and its associated compliance report.  
22 The meeting to vote on adoption of a redistricting plan shall  
23 occur no sooner than six days after the release of the final  
24 plan and its associated compliance report. All proposed and  
25 adopted maps and any data used to develop these maps are public  
26 records. The Independent Redistricting Commission shall

1 maintain a website or other similar electronic platform to  
2 disseminate information about the Independent Redistricting  
3 Commission, including records of its meetings and hearings,  
4 proposed redistricting plans, assessments and reports on  
5 plans, and to allow the public to view its meetings and  
6 hearings in both live and archived form. The website or  
7 electronic platform must allow the public to submit  
8 redistricting plans and comments on redistricting plans to the  
9 Independent Redistricting Commission for its consideration.

10 (e) Each Legislative District, Representative District,  
11 and Congressional District shall, in the following order of  
12 priority:

13 (1) fully comply with the United States Constitution  
14 and federal law, such as the federal Voting Rights Act;

15 (2) be substantially equal in population;

16 (3) provide racial minorities and language minorities  
17 with the equal opportunity to participate in the political  
18 process and elect candidates of their choice;

19 (4) provide racial minorities and language minorities  
20 who constitute less than a voting-age majority of a  
21 Legislative District, Representative District, or  
22 Congressional District with an opportunity to  
23 substantially influence the outcome of an election;

24 (5) be contiguous;

25 (6) be compact;

26 (7) respect, to the extent practical, geographic

1 integrity of units of local government;

2 (8) respect, to the extent practical, communities  
3 sharing common social or economic interests; and

4 (9) not discriminate against or in favor of any  
5 political party or individual.

6 (f) The Independent Redistricting Commission shall adopt  
7 and submit to the Legislative Redistricting Commission,  
8 established by Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois  
9 Constitution, a redistricting plan for the Legislative  
10 Districts and Representative Districts within 30 days of the  
11 Census Bureau's release of the Legacy Format Summary  
12 Redistricting Data File for the State of Illinois. The  
13 Independent Redistricting Commission shall adopt and submit to  
14 the General Assembly a redistricting plan for the  
15 Congressional Districts within 30 days of the Census Bureau's  
16 release of the Legacy Format Summary Redistricting Data File  
17 for the State of Illinois. The Independent Redistricting  
18 Commission may adopt and submit separate redistricting plans  
19 for the Legislative Districts and Representative Districts,  
20 and a separate plan for the Congressional Districts.

21 (g) If the Independent Redistricting Commission fails to  
22 adopt and submit to the Legislative Redistricting Commission a  
23 redistricting plan for the Legislative and Representative  
24 Districts within 30 days from the Census Bureau's release of  
25 the Legacy Format Summary Redistricting Data File, the Chief  
26 Justice of the Supreme Court and the most senior Supreme Court

1 Justice who is not elected from the same political party as the  
2 Chief Justice shall appoint within 3 days a seventeenth member  
3 to the Independent Redistricting Commission. The seventeenth  
4 member of the Independent Redistricting Commission must not be  
5 affiliated with either major political party. The  
6 seventeen-member Independent Redistricting Commission shall  
7 adopt and submit to the Legislative Redistricting Commission a  
8 redistricting plan for the Legislative Districts and  
9 Representative Districts within 10 days of the appointment of  
10 the seventeenth member of the Independent Redistricting  
11 Commission.

12 (h) Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission  
13 shall be compensated at the rate of \$37.50 for each hour the  
14 member is engaged in Independent Redistricting Commission  
15 business. Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission  
16 are eligible for reimbursement of personal expenses incurred  
17 in connection with the duties performed pursuant to this act.  
18 A member's residence is deemed to be the member's post of duty  
19 for purposes of reimbursement of expenses.

20 (i) Within the first 30 days after the selection of the  
21 Independent Redistricting Commission, the Governor shall  
22 include in the budget sufficient funding for the Independent  
23 Redistricting Commission, the Legislative Redistricting  
24 Commission and the Secretary of State to meet the estimated  
25 expenses of each of those officers or entities in implementing  
26 the redistricting process required by this Section, including,

1 but not limited to, adequate funding for a statewide outreach  
2 program to solicit broad public participation in the  
3 redistricting process. The Governor shall also make adequate  
4 office space available for the operation of the Commission.  
5 The Legislature shall make the necessary appropriation. The  
6 Legislature may make additional appropriations in any year  
7 that it determines that the Commission requires additional  
8 funding in order to fulfill its duties. The Independent  
9 Redistricting Commission and Legislative Redistricting  
10 Commission, with fiscal oversight from the Comptroller or its  
11 successor, shall be exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code  
12 but will have procurement and contracting authority and may  
13 hire staff and consultants, for the purposes of this Section.

14 (j) Any redistricting plan enacted by the Legislative  
15 Redistricting Commission shall immediately be filed with the  
16 Secretary of State. A redistricting plan filed with the  
17 Secretary of State shall be presumed valid and shall be  
18 published promptly by the Secretary of State.

19 (k) This Act shall not apply to any redistricting process  
20 other than the one immediately following the 2020 Census.

21 Section 10. Repealer. This Act is repealed December 31,  
22 2025.

23 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are  
24 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.



1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".