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HOUSE BILL NO. 1121

Introduced by: Representatives Fargen, Blake, Dennert, Feickert, Gibson, Hawley, Hunhoff (Bernie), Iron Cloud III, Jones, Killer, Kirschman, Kloucek, Lucas, Sigdestad, and Wismer and Senator Frerichs

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain legislative policies relating to the
2 establishment of legislative districts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 2-2-32 be amended to read as follows:

5 2-2-32. The Legislature, in making the ~~2001~~ 2011 redistricting, determines, as a matter of
6 policy, that the following principles are of primary significance:

7 (1) Adherence to standards of population deviance as established by judicial precedent
8 and to standards of population deviance as prescribed by S.D. Const., Art. III, § 5;

9 (2) Protection of communities of interest by means of compact, regular, and contiguous
10 districts that have sides as nearly equal in length as practicable;

11 (3) Respect for geographical and political boundaries so that, to the maximum extent
12 practicable, district boundaries coincide with and do not cross county or municipal
13 boundaries; and

14 (4) Protection of minority voting rights consistent with the United States Constitution,



1 the South Dakota Constitution, and federal statutes, as interpreted by the United
2 States Supreme Court, and other courts with jurisdiction.