

Senate Bill 794

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SUMMARY

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Adds criterion to be considered when apportioning state into congressional and legislative districts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to redistricting; amending ORS 188.010.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 188.010 is amended to read:

5 188.010. The Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall con-
6 sider the following criteria when apportioning the state into congressional and legislative districts:

7 (1) Each district, as nearly as practicable, shall:

8 (a) Be contiguous;

9 (b) Be of equal population;

10 (c) Utilize existing geographic or political boundaries;

11 (d) Not divide communities of common interest; *[and]*

12 **(e) Contain as much of a single county as possible; and**

13 *[(e)] (f)* Be connected by transportation links.

14 (2) *[No]* **A** district *[shall]* **may not** be drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party,
15 incumbent legislator or other person.

16 (3) *[No]* **A** district *[shall]* **may not** be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of
17 any language or ethnic minority group.

18 (4) Two state House of Representative districts shall be wholly included within a single state
19 senatorial district.

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
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