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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2974

1 Delete lines 6 through 25 of the printed A-engrossed bill and insert:

<u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) When apportioning the state into congressional or
legislative districts, the Legislative Assembly shall hold at least 10
public hearings at locations throughout the state prior to proposing a
reapportionment plan.

"(2) In addition to the hearings required under subsection (1) of this
section, the Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever
is applicable, shall:

9 "(a) To the extent practicable, hold five public hearings after a re-10 apportionment plan is proposed, but before the plan is adopted. The 11 adoption of a reapportionment plan may not be delayed by the 12 impracticability of holding one or more of the hearings required under 13 this subsection.

14 "(b) Conduct the hearings required under this subsection either in 15 five different congressional districts of this state or with the use of 16 videoconferencing technologies that permit active citizen participation 17 throughout the state.

"(3) In holding the hearings required under subsections (1) and (2)
 of this section, the Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State,
 whichever is applicable, must:

"(a) Provide appropriate public notice of the time and location of
 each hearing;

"(b) Hold at least one hearing required under subsection (1) of this
section in each congressional district of this state;

"(c) Hold at least one hearing required under subsection (1) of this section and one hearing required under subsection (2) of this section in areas that have experienced the largest shifts in population since the previous reapportionment, and prioritize holding additional public hearings in these areas; and

8 "(d) Permit and make provision for individuals at remote sites 9 throughout the state to provide public testimony at the hearings 10 through the use of video equipment.".

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