
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8415

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By Senators Braun, Boehnke, Dozier, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, King, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Torres, Wagoner, Warnick, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson

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1 WHEREAS, Article II, section 43 of the state Constitution and
2 state law requires the establishment of a redistricting commission to
3 provide for the redistricting of state legislative and congressional
4 districts; and

5 WHEREAS, Under RCW 44.05.120, if a commission has ceased to
6 exist, the legislature may, upon an affirmative vote in each house of
7 two-thirds of the members elected or appointed thereto, adopt
8 legislation reconvening the commission for the purpose of modifying
9 the redistricting plan; and

10 WHEREAS, On August 10, 2023, the United States District Court for
11 the Western District of Washington found that Washington's
12 legislative map for the Yakima Valley region violates the federal
13 Voting Rights Act; and

14 WHEREAS, The court held that the state is authorized to adopt
15 revised legislative district maps for the Yakima Valley region
16 pursuant to the process set forth in the state Constitution and state
17 law by February 7, 2024;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
19 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
20 redistricting commission reconvene to adopt revised legislative

1 district maps for the Yakima Valley region, pursuant to the process
2 set forth in the state Constitution and state law.

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