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HOUSE BILL 14-1088

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING RURAL REPRESENTATION ON THE COLORADO
102 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The Colorado reapportionment commission (commission) is constituted decennially for the purpose of establishing the senatorial and representative districts of the state legislature. The bill requires at least 7 of the 11 appointees to the commission reside in counties of 25,000 or fewer persons, according to the most recent federal census.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-2-510.5 as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-510.5. Rural membership of commission - legislative**
5 **declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES,
6 AND DECLARES THAT REQUIRING A MINIMUM NUMBER OF COMMISSION
7 APPOINTEES TO HAIL FROM RURAL COUNTIES IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE
8 THAT THE INTERESTS OF COLORADO'S LESS-POPULATED AREAS ARE
9 EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED DURING THE REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS.
10 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER DECLARES THAT SUBSECTION (2) OF
11 THIS SECTION FURTHERS THE PURPOSE AND OPERATION OF SECTION 48 OF
12 ARTICLE V OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION BY FACILITATING CREATION OF A
13 MORE GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE COMMISSION.

14 (2) AT LEAST SEVEN OF THE ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION
15 SHALL RESIDE IN COUNTIES OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND OR FEWER
16 PERSONS, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT NATIONAL CENSUS.

17 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
20 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

1 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.