A BILL for an Act to establish a legislative management redistricting committee, to provide for
the implementation of a legislative redistricting plan, to exempt drafts of redistricting plans from
open records requirements, to provide for public access to plans that are distributed or reported,
and to provide for a special legislative session; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an
emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE - OPEN
RECORDS EXEMPTION - SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

1. The chairman of the legislative management shall appoint a committee to develop a
   legislative redistricting plan to be implemented in time for use in the 2022 primary
election. The committee must consist of an equal number of members from the senate
   and the house of representatives appointed by the chairman of the legislative
   management.

2. The committee shall ensure any legislative redistricting plan submitted to the
   legislative assembly for consideration must be of compact and contiguous territory and
   conform to all constitutional requirements with respect to population equality. The
   committee may adopt additional constitutionally recognized redistricting guidelines and
   principles to implement in preparing a legislative redistricting plan for submission to
   the legislative assembly.

3. The committee shall submit a redistricting plan and legislation to implement the plan to
   the legislative management by November 30, 2021.

4. A draft of the legislative redistricting plan created by the legislative council or a
   member of the legislative assembly is an exempt record as defined in section
   44-04-17.1 until presented or distributed at a meeting of the legislative management.
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legislative management committee, or the legislative assembly, at which time the
presented or distributed draft is an open record. If possible, the presented or
distributed draft must be made accessible to the public on the legislative branch
website such as through the use of hyperlinks in the online meeting agenda. Any
version of a redistricting plan created before the completion of the plan other than the
version presented or distributed at a meeting of the legislative management, a
legislative management committee, or the legislative assembly is an exempt record
regardless of whether the completed plan is presented or distributed subsequently at a
meeting.

5. The chairman of the legislative management shall request the governor to call a
special session of the legislative assembly pursuant to section 7 of article V of the
Constitution of North Dakota to allow the legislative assembly to adopt a redistricting
plan to be implemented in time for use in the 2022 primary election and to address any
other issue that may be necessary.

SECTION 2. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through July 31, 2022, and after that
date is ineffective.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.