

CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING PLAN ENACTED

On April 19, 2011, Iowa became one of the first states in the nation to have enacted both a congressional redistricting plan and a state legislative redistricting plan. On April 14, 2011, House File 682, the bill embodying the first proposed redistricting plan submitted by the Legislative Services Agency, passed the Iowa House of Representatives on a vote of 90-7, and passed the Iowa Senate on a vote of 48-1. Governor Terry Branstad signed the bill into law on April 19, 2011. In signing the legislation, the Governor stated that, "We can have some pride in the fact that Iowa has a system for reapportionment that is fair, that really gives the people an opportunity to choose their congressmen and their representatives and senators in a competitive system that isn't really designed to skew it in favor of one party or the other."