

HB 973 -- NONPARTISAN STATE DEMOGRAPHER (Trent)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on General Laws

Currently, the Missouri Constitution requires a nonpartisan state demographer to draw redistricting maps on the basis of specified formulas and criteria. This bill requires the demographer to establish a "Redistricting Public Comment Portal," to accept comments, maps, or other communications from the general public or interested parties. Submissions to the portal must disclose whether the entity making the submission was responsible for its content and whether or not the submission was funded by contributors. If a submission was funded, then the identity of the contributors shall be disclosed.

This bill is the same as SB 213 (2019).