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Abstract: Requires the presiding officers to provide for and maintain a public internet site related to redistricting activities of the legislature and requires specified minimum content and capability.

Proposed Joint Rule requires the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate, acting jointly, to provide for and maintain a public internet site to enable the public to obtain information regarding the redistricting activities of the House, the Senate, and the legislature. Requires the presiding officers to make every effort to ensure that the site has an easy to remember domain name and that the functionality on the site is as intuitive as possible. Requires the site, at a minimum, to:

- (1) Provide advance information regarding legislative redistricting meetings and activities and a timeline.
- (2) Provide links to the census population data and voter registration and election statistics.
- (3) Permit any person to download specified precinct shapefiles.
- (4) Permit any person to submit comments and questions regarding proposed redistricting plans.
- (5) Provide access to proposed redistricting bills and accompanying maps or statistics.
- (6) Provide information regarding redistricting-related laws.
- (7) Provide concise, easy to understand answers to common redistricting questions.
- (8) Allow a person to register to receive notifications regarding redistricting meetings and legislation.

Proposed Joint Rule specifies that if the legislative redistricting site is temporarily inaccessible due to a technical problem or difficulty beyond the control of the presiding officers, the temporary inaccessibility of information on the legislative redistricting site shall not be construed in any manner to be a violation of the proposed Joint Rule.

(Adds Joint Rule No. 21)