# SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
# A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2974

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

May 14

1     Delete lines 6 through 25 of the printed A-engrossed bill and insert:

2     "**SECTION 2.** **(1) When apportioning the state into congressional or legislative districts,**

3     **the Legislative Assembly shall hold at least 10 public hearings at locations throughout the**

4     **state prior to proposing a reapportionment plan.**

5     **"(2) In addition to the hearings required under subsection (1) of this section, the Legis-**

6     **lative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall:**

7     **"(a) To the extent practicable, hold five public hearings after a reapportionment plan is**

8     **proposed, but before the plan is adopted. The adoption of a reapportionment plan may not**

9     **be delayed by the impracticability of holding one or more of the hearings required under this**

10     **subsection.**

11     **"(b) Conduct the hearings required under this subsection either in five different con-**

12     **gressional districts of this state or with the use of videoconferencing technologies that per-**

13     **mit active citizen participation throughout the state.**

14     **"(3) In holding the hearings required under subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the**

15     **Legislative Assembly or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, must:**

16     **"(a) Provide appropriate public notice of the time and location of each hearing;**

17     **"(b) Hold at least one hearing required under subsection (1) of this section in each con-**

18     **gressional district of this state;**

19     **"(c) Hold at least one hearing required under subsection (1) of this section and one**

20     **hearing required under subsection (2) of this section in areas that have experienced the**

21     **largest shifts in population since the previous reapportionment, and prioritize holding addi-**

22     **tional public hearings in these areas; and**

23     **"(d) Permit and make provision for individuals at remote sites throughout the state to**

24     **provide public testimony at the hearings through the use of video equipment.".**

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