

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Erpenbach:

As discussed with Julie Landrie, the enactment of SB-148 or SB-149 will potentially require municipalities to subdivide and adjust the wards they have drawn in response to the 2010 federal decennial census. SB-150 merely reflects the fact that this must occur. It is SB-148 and SB-149, however, that force this action to occur. It should be noted that municipalities that have already adopted their ward plans prior to legislative action on these bills will not necessarily be required to do them over again. They can still use them for elections other than legislative and congressional elections. However, they will need to ensure that the plans have sufficient ward subdivisions to enable us to determine the winners of legislative and congressional elections and, if not, they will need to create more subdivisions so we will be able to make these determinations.

Please let me know if you have additional concerns.

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