

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 321

Session of
1971

INTRODUCED BY HOBBS AND SESLER, FEBRUARY 15, 1971

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JULY 13, 1971

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to article two, section sixteen of the
2 Constitution of Pennsylvania reducing the number of Senators
3 and Members of the House of Representatives.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the provisions of
8 the eleventh article thereof:

9 That section sixteen, article two of the Constitution of
10 Pennsylvania be amended to read:

11 Section 16. Legislative Districts.--The Commonwealth shall
12 be divided into [fifty] forty senatorial and [two hundred three]
13 ~~one hundred twenty one~~ ONE HUNDRED SIXTY representative

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14 districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous
15 territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each
16 senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each
17 representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely
18 necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township

1 or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or
2 representative district.

3 SCHEDULE

4 The foregoing amendment to section sixteen, article two of
5 the Constitution of Pennsylvania shall become effective ~~December~~ <—
6 ~~1, 1976 except that the Commonwealth shall be reapportioned as~~
7 ~~provided in the Constitution of Pennsylvania not later than~~
8 ~~February 1, 1976~~ AFTER THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS, based <—
9 upon the tabulations of the ~~1970~~ NEXT Federal decennial census <—
10 and elections shall be held in each district. ~~in 1976.~~ <—