
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL
No. 321 Session of
1971

INTRODUCED BY HOBBS AND SESLER, FEBRUARY 15, 1971

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
JUNE 30, 1972

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 ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE <—

14 representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and
15 contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as
16 practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator,
17 and each representative district one Representative. Unless

1 absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,
2 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a
3 senatorial or representative district.

4 SCHEDULE

5 The foregoing amendment to section sixteen, article two of
6 the Constitution of Pennsylvania shall become effective ~~December~~ <—
7 ~~1, 1976 except that the Commonwealth shall be reapportioned as~~
8 ~~provided in the Constitution of Pennsylvania not later than~~
9 ~~February 1, 1976 AFTER THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS,~~ <—
10 DECEMBER 1, 1974 1976 EXCEPT THAT THE COMMONWEALTH SHALL BE <—
11 REAPPORTIONED AS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA
12 NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 1974 1976, based upon the tabulations <—
13 of the ~~1970 next~~ 1970 Federal decennial census and elections <—
14 shall be held in each district ~~in 1976.~~ IN 1974 1976. <—