THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1599

Session of 1975

INTRODUCED BY TADDONIO, ZORD, KNEPPER, TRELLO AND ABRAHAM, JULY 9, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 14, 1975

A JOINT RESOLUTION

- 1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
- of Pennsylvania, reducing the number of senatorial and
- 3 representative districts.
- 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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
- 8 the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:
- 9 That section sixteen, article two of the Constitution of the
- 10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read:
- 11 Section 16. Legislative Districts.--The Commonwealth shall
- 12 be divided into [fifty] forty-one senatorial and [two hundred
- 13 three] one hundred twenty-three representative districts, which
- 14 shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly
- 15 equal in population as practicable and each senatorial district
- 16 shall be coterminous with three representative districts. Each
- 17 senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each
- 18 representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely

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