

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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PETRARCA, SEPTEMBER 29, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 29, 1987

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, reducing the number of Senators and members
3 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 Article XI:

8 That section 16 of Article II of the Constitution be amended
9 to read:

10 § 16. Legislative districts.

11 The Commonwealth shall be divided into [50] 40 senatorial and
12 [203] 125 representative districts, which shall be composed of
13 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population
14 as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one
15 Senator, and each representative district one Representative.
16 Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,

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

3 Section 2. This amendment to the Constitution shall apply to
4 terms of office beginning December 1, 1992.

5 Section 3. The Commonwealth shall be reapportioned not later
6 than January 1, 1992, for the terms of office beginning December
7 1, 1992, based upon the tabulations of the 1990 Federal
8 decennial census.