

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JULY 11, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JULY 11, 1997

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, reducing the number of members of the House
3 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 be amended to read:

9 § 16. Legislative districts.

10 The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and
11 [203] 101 representative districts, which shall be composed of
12 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population
13 as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one
14 Senator, and each representative district one Representative.
15 Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,
16 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a

1 senatorial or representative district.

2 Section 2. This amendment to the Constitution shall apply to
3 terms of office beginning December 1, 2012.

4 Section 3. The Commonwealth shall be reapportioned not later
5 than January 1, 2012, for the terms of office beginning December
6 1, 2012, based upon the tabulations of the 2010 Federal
7 decennial census.

8 Section 4. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
9 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
10 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
11 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
12 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
13 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
14 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
15 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

16 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
17 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
18 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
19 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
20 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
21 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
22 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
23 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
24 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
25 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
26 primary, general or municipal election occurring at least three
27 months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by
28 the General Assembly which meets the requirements of and is in
29 conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of
30 Pennsylvania.