

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STAIRS, APRIL 3, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 3, 1978

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

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

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
6 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with  
7 the provisions of Article XI thereof:

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] 150 representative districts, which shall be composed of  
12 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population  
13 as practicable. Each senatorial district which shall consist of  
14 three representative districts shall elect one Senator, and each  
15 representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely  
16 necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township  
17 or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or

1 representative district.

2 SCHEDULE

3 The foregoing amendment to Article II of the Constitution of  
4 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall become effective the year  
5 following that in which the next Federal decennial census is  
6 officially reported as required by Federal Law. The first  
7 elections after reapportionment of the Commonwealth under  
8 section 17 to conform to the foregoing amendment shall be held  
9 in the year 1982. At the general election in the year 1982  
10 Senators in odd-numbered districts and all Representatives shall  
11 be chosen to serve for two years and Senators in even-numbered  
12 districts shall be chosen to serve for four years. Thereafter,  
13 all Senators shall be chosen to serve for four years. The terms  
14 of all Senators in office in 1982 shall expire November 30,  
15 1982.