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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2289** Session of  
1982

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 24, 1982

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the duties of the  
3 Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

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 Article XI thereof:

9 That subsections (a) and (h) of section 17 of Article II be  
10 amended to read:

11 § 17. Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

12 (a) In each year following the year of the Federal decennial  
13 census a Legislative Reapportionment Commission shall be  
14 constituted for the purpose of reapportioning the Commonwealth  
15 to include United States House of Representative Districts,  
16 Pennsylvania Senatorial and House of Representative Districts.

17 The commission shall act by a majority of its entire membership.

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2       (h) Any reapportionment plan filed by the commission, or  
3 ordered or prepared by the Supreme Court upon the failure of the  
4 commission to act, shall be published by the elections officer  
5 once in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each  
6 senatorial and representative district. The publication shall  
7 contain a map of the Commonwealth showing the complete  
8 reapportionment of the United States House of Representatives by  
9 Districts and General Assembly by districts, and a map showing  
10 the reapportionment districts in the area normally served by the  
11 newspaper in which the publication is made. The publication  
12 shall also state the population of the congressional, senatorial  
13 and representative districts having the smallest and largest  
14 population and the percentage variation of such districts from  
15 the average population for congressional, senatorial and  
16 representative districts.