

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2000 Session of
1977

INTRODUCED BY POTT, DECEMBER 15, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, DECEMBER 15, 1977

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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
8 Article XI thereof:

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

11 § 16. Legislative districts.

12 The Commonwealth shall for the years 1992 through 2001 be
13 divided into [50] 46 senatorial and [203] 184 representative
14 districts and for the year 2002 and thereafter be divided into
15 40 senatorial and 160 representative districts, which shall be
16 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
17 population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect
18 one Senator, and each representative district one
19 Representative. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city,

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

3 SCHEDULE

4 For the years 1992 through 2001, the Commonwealth shall be
5 reapportioned not later than February 1, 1991 based upon the
6 tabulations of the 1990 Federal decennial census.

7 For the year 2002 and thereafter, the Commonwealth shall be
8 reapportioned not later than February 1, 2001 based upon the
9 tabulations of the 2000 Federal decennial census.