THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2284 Session of 1982

INTRODUCED BY GRABOWSKI, CESSAR, O'DONNELL, DOMBROWSKI, FLECK, FRAZIER, HORGOS, COWELL, BOWSER, HEISER, MARMION, RASCO, CAPPABIANCA, KOLTER, PISTELLA, MRKONIC, McMONAGLE, PETRARCA, TELEK, SERAFINI, BELARDI, PETRONE, GEORGE, LESCOVITZ, STEWART, FEE, VAN HORNE, GAMBLE, DeWEESE, LLOYD, DAWIDA, SEVENTY, WOGAN, OLASZ, MICHLOVIC, MURPHY, WACHOB, STEIGHNER, WOZNIAK, COCHRAN, MULLEN, BOYES, POTT, CLARK, TADDONIO, LAUGHLIN, WESTON, ITKIN, CALTAGIRONE, SWEET, McVERRY, PENDLETON, HALUSKA, MORRIS, CORDISCO, DUFFY, LIVENGOOD, LETTERMAN, COLAFELLA, TRELLO, BLAUM, TIGUE, CAWLEY, SIEMINSKI, GRUPPO, MAIALE, GRAY, BORSKI AND BELFANTI, FEBRUARY 24, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 24, 1982

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2   of Pennsylvania, providing for priorities in the apportioning
3   of legislative districts.

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 section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

10 § 16. Legislative districts.

11   The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and 203

12 representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and

13 contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as

1 practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator,

2 and each representative district one Representative. Unless

3 absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,

4 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a

5 senatorial or representative district. <u>In apportioning</u>

6 <u>districts, the first priority shall be given to the boundaries</u>

7 <u>of counties, cities, incorporated towns, boroughs, townships and</u>

8 <u>wards and the second priority shall be given to population.</u>