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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 20, 1999

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania, further providing for terms of members and for  
3 legislative districts.

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

6 Section 1. The following amendments to the Constitution of  
7 Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 (1) That section 3 of Article II be amended to read:

9 § 3. Terms of members.

10 Senators shall be elected for the term of [four] six years  
11 and Representatives for the term of [two] three years. No person  
12 shall serve as a member of the General Assembly for more than 12  
13 years.

14 (2) That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

15 § 16. Legislative districts.

16 The Commonwealth shall be divided into [50] 33 senatorial and  
17 [203] 100 representative districts, which shall be composed of

1 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population  
2 as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one  
3 Senator, and each representative district one Representative.  
4 Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,  
5 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a  
6 senatorial or representative district.

7 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
8 Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the  
9 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
10 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
11 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
12 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
13 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
14 passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

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

30 Section 3. Upon approval of the amendments by the electors,

1 the amendments shall take effect January 1, 2002.