

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY POTT, GRABOWSKI, MILANOVICH, SWEET, McVERRY,
TRELLO, F. J. LYNCH, DAWIDA, ALDEN, GOEBEL, SIEMINSKI AND
KUKOVICH, MARCH 19, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 19, 1979

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 the provisions of Article XI thereof:

9 That section 16, Article II be amended to read:

10 § 16. Legislative districts.

11 The Commonwealth shall for the years 1992 through 2001 be
12 divided into [50] 46 senatorial and [203] 184 representative
13 districts and for the year 2002 and thereafter be divided into
14 40 senatorial and 160 representative districts, which shall be
15 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
16 population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect
17 one Senator, and each representative district one
18 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.