

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 162 Session of
1999INTRODUCED BY KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, O'PAKE, COSTA AND EARLL,
JANUARY 13, 1999

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 13, 1999

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

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

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

8 § 16. Legislative districts.

9 The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and 203
10 representative districts[, which] until the reapportionment
11 following the Federal Decennial Census for the year 2010 at
12 which time the Commonwealth shall be divided into 40 senatorial
13 and 125 representative districts. Each district shall be
14 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
15 population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect
16 one Senator, and each representative district one
17 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 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
4 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
5 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
6 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
7 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
8 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
9 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
10 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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