

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, KOTIK, BOYD, CHRISTIANA, CREIGHTON,  
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JANUARY 24, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 24, 2011

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] 30 senatorial and  
10 [203] 121 representative districts, which shall be composed of  
11 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population  
12 as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one  
13 Senator, and each representative district one Representative.  
14 Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,  
15 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a  
16 senatorial or representative district.

1       Section 2.   (a)   Upon the first passage by the General  
2   Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
3   Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
4   comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
5   XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
6   required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
7   which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
8   passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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

24       Section 3.   The amendment of section 16 of Article II of the  
25   Constitution of Pennsylvania shall take effect after the 2010  
26   Federal census reapportionment.

27       Section 4.   The Senate and House of Representatives, upon the  
28   effective date of the amendment of section 16 of Article II of  
29   the Constitution of Pennsylvania, shall each reduce their  
30   budgets by 40% compared to the budgets of the prior year.