
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 510 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY LAUGHLIN, STEFANO AND ARGALL, MARCH 15, 2023

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for legislative districts.

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
10 [203] 150 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 Each senatorial district shall contain three representative
15 districts. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city,
16 incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in
17 forming either a senatorial or representative district.

18 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed

1 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

2 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of
3 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
4 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
5 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
6 of Pennsylvania.

7 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of
8 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
9 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
10 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
11 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
12 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this
13 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal
14 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article
15 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

16 Section 3. Upon ratification by the electors, the General
17 Assembly shall enact legislation to implement this
18 constitutional amendment so that it applies for the first time
19 to the first session of the General Assembly which begins after
20 the 2030 reapportionment.