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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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] (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this
10 subsection, the Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial
11 and 203 representative districts, which shall be composed of
12 compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population
13 as practicable.

14 (2) Beginning with the legislative session that commences
15 the first Tuesday of January 2023, the Commonwealth shall be
16 divided into 193 representative districts, which shall be
17 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in

1 population as practicable.

2 (3) Beginning with the legislative session that commences
3 the first Tuesday of January 2033, the Commonwealth shall be
4 divided into 183 representative districts, which shall be
5 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
6 population as practicable.

7 (4) Beginning with the legislative session that commences
8 the first Tuesday of January 2043, the Commonwealth shall be
9 divided into 173 representative districts, which shall be
10 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
11 population as practicable.

12 (5) Beginning with the legislative session that commences
13 the first Tuesday of January 2053, the Commonwealth shall be
14 divided into 163 representative districts, which shall be
15 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
16 population as practicable.

17 (6) Beginning with the legislative session that commences
18 the first Tuesday of January 2063, the Commonwealth shall be
19 divided into 153 representative districts, which shall be
20 composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in
21 population as practicable.

22 (b) Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and
23 each representative district one Representative. Unless
24 absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town,
25 borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a
26 senatorial or representative district.

27 Section 2. (a) The first elections after reapportionment of
28 the Commonwealth under section 17 of Article II of the
29 Constitution of Pennsylvania to conform to the amendment under
30 section 1 of this Joint Resolution, as it relates to the

1 addition of section 16(a) (2) of Article II, shall be held in the
2 year 2022.

3 (b) The first elections after reapportionment of the
4 Commonwealth under section 17 of Article II of the Constitution
5 of Pennsylvania to conform to the amendment under section 1 of
6 this Joint Resolution, as it relates to the addition of section
7 16(a) (3) of Article II, shall be held in the year 2032.

8 (c) The first elections after reapportionment of the
9 Commonwealth under section 17 of Article II of the Constitution
10 of Pennsylvania to conform to the amendment under section 1 of
11 this Joint Resolution, as it relates to the addition of section
12 16(a) (4) of Article II, shall be held in the year 2042.

13 (d) The first elections after reapportionment of the
14 Commonwealth under section 17 of Article II of the Constitution
15 of Pennsylvania to conform to the amendment under section 1 of
16 this Joint Resolution, as it relates to the addition of section
17 16(a) (5) of Article II, shall be held in the year 2052.

18 (e) The first elections after reapportionment of the
19 Commonwealth under section 17 of Article II of the Constitution
20 of Pennsylvania to conform to the amendment under section 1 of
21 this Joint Resolution, as it relates to the addition of section
22 16(a) (6) of Article II, shall be held in the year 2062.

23 Section 3. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
24 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
25 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
26 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
27 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
28 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
29 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
30 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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