

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 798

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to urge Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that representatives be apportioned among the states based upon the number of persons in each state who are citizens of the United States.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides, "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state"; and

WHEREAS, as a result, representation in the United States House of Representatives is based on proportional representation as determined by the decennial census; and

WHEREAS, only United States citizens are eligible to vote in federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the apportionment of seats in Congress should be done on the basis of the number of citizens and legal residents of each state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby urge Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the number of persons in each state who are citizens of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and each member of Tennessee's Congressional Delegation.