

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION N

April 19, 2017, Introduced by Rep. McCready and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 3 of article IV, to revise the number of members in the house of representatives.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to revise the number of members in the house of representatives, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE IV

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Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of ~~110~~ **76**

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members elected for two-year terms from single member districts

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apportioned on a basis of population. ~~as provided in this article.~~

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~~The districts~~ **EACH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT** shall **BE ONE-**

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HALF OF A SENATORIAL DISTRICT AND SHALL consist of compact and

1 convenient territory contiguous by land.

2 ~~Each county which has a population of not less than seven-~~
3 ~~tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall~~
4 ~~constitute a separate representative area. Each county having less~~
5 ~~than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state~~
6 ~~shall be combined with another county or counties to form a~~
7 ~~representative area of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of~~
8 ~~the population of the state. Any county which is isolated under the~~
9 ~~initial allocation as provided in this section shall be joined with~~
10 ~~that contiguous representative area having the smallest percentage~~
11 ~~of the state's population. Each such representative area shall be~~
12 ~~entitled initially to one representative.~~

13 ~~After the assignment of one representative to each of the~~
14 ~~representative areas, the remaining house seats shall be~~
15 ~~apportioned among the representative areas on the basis of~~
16 ~~population by the method of equal proportions.~~

17 ~~Any county comprising a representative area entitled to two or~~
18 ~~more representatives shall be divided into single member~~
19 ~~representative districts as follows:~~

20 ~~(1) The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal~~
21 ~~as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125~~
22 ~~percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the~~
23 ~~representative area by the number of representatives to which it is~~
24 ~~entitled.~~

25 ~~(2) Such single member districts shall follow city and~~
26 ~~township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of~~
27 ~~compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as~~

1 possible.

2 ~~Any representative area consisting of more than one county,~~
3 ~~entitled to more than one representative, shall be divided into~~
4 ~~single member districts as equal as possible in population,~~
5 ~~adhering to county lines.~~

6 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
7 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
8 in the manner provided by law.