A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for the time frame for the
3 creation of a Legislative Reapportionment Commission.
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5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts RESOLVES as follows:

7 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
8 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with
9 THE PROVISIONS OF Article XI thereof:

10 That subsection (a) SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) of section 17 of
11 Article II be amended to read:

12 § 17. Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

13 (a) [In each year following [that] Within six months
14 following the month in which] THE YEAR OF the Federal decennial
15 census [is officially reported as required by Federal law], a
16 Legislative Reapportionment Commission shall be constituted for
17 the purpose of reapportioning the Commonwealth. The commission
18 shall act by a majority of its entire membership.

19 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS: FOUR OF
WHOM SHALL BE THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF BOTH THE
SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR DEPUTIES APPOINTED
BY EACH OF THEM, AND A CHAIRMAN SELECTED AS HEREINAFTER
PROVIDED. NO LATER THAN [THE FOURTH MONDAY IN JANUARY OF THE
YEAR FOLLOWING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS IS
OFFICIALLY REPORTED] 60 DAYS FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL REPORTING OF
THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW, THE
FOUR MEMBERS SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF
THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE ELECTIONS OFFICER OF THE COMMONWEALTH WHO UNDER LAW SHALL
HAVE SUPERVISION OVER ELECTIONS.

THE FOUR MEMBERS WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER THEIR CERTIFICATION
SHALL SELECT THE FIFTH MEMBER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE COMMISSION, AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY CERTIFY HIS NAME TO SUCH
ELECTIONS OFFICER. THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE A CITIZEN OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OTHER THAN A LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL OFFICIAL
HOLDING AN OFFICE TO WHICH COMPENSATION IS ATTACHED.

IF THE FOUR MEMBERS FAIL TO SELECT THE FIFTH MEMBER WITHIN
THE TIME PRESCRIBED, A MAJORITY OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
SUPREME COURT WITHIN 30 DAYS THEREAFTER SHALL APPOINT THE
CHAIRMAN AS AFORESAID AND CERTIFY HIS APPOINTMENT TO SUCH
ELECTIONS OFFICER.

ANY VACANCY IN THE COMMISSION SHALL BE FILLED WITHIN 15 DAYS
IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH SUCH POSITION WAS ORIGINALLY FILLED.

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