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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to establish a new method of apportionment of senators and representatives in the general assembly.

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. The following amendment to the constitution of
- 2 the state of Iowa is hereby proposed:
- 3 "Section six (6) of Article three (III), legislative department,
- 4 constitution of the state of Iowa, and sections thirty-four (34),
- 5 thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36) and thirty-seven (37) of Article
- 6 three (III), legislative department, constitution of the state of
- 7 Iowa as adopted by amendment in 1904, and the amendment to section
- 8 thirty-four (34) of Article three (III) as adopted in 1928, are
- 9 hereby repealed and the following is adopted in lieu thereof:
- 10 "Section 6. Senators shall be so classified by lot that one
- 11 class, being as nearly one-half as possible, shall be elected
- 12 every two years. When the number of senators are increased, they
- 13 shall be annexed by lot to one or the other of the two classes so
- 14 as to keep them as nearly equal in numbers as practicable.
- 15 At the first general election following the first redistricting,
- 16 the senators from one class of districts shall be elected for
- 17 two-year terms and the senators from the other class of districts
- 18 shall be elected for four-year terms. Thereafter all senators
- 19 shall be elected for four-year terms as provided in section five

20 (5) of Article three (III).

21 "Section 34. The state shall be divided into forty-eight (48)  
22 senatorial districts and each senatorial district shall be entitled  
23 to one senator for each forty-six thousand (46,000) of population  
24 or less and one additional senator for each additional forty-six  
25 thousand (46,000) or major fraction thereof. The senatorial  
26 districts shall be as follows:

27 First District—Mills, Montgomery and Adams counties

28 Second District—Fremont, Page and Taylor counties

29 Third District—Union, Clarke, Ringgold and Decatur counties

30 Fourth District—Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and Appanoose counties

31 Fifth District—Wapello county

32 Sixth District—Davis, Jefferson, Van Buren and Henry counties

33 Seventh District—Lee county

34 Eighth District—Des Moines county

35 Ninth District—Louisa, Washington and Keokuk counties

36 Tenth District—Marion and Mahaska counties

37 Eleventh District—Adair, Madison and Warren counties

38 Twelfth District—Cass, Audubon and Shelby counties

39 Thirteenth District—Harrison, Monona and Crawford counties

40 Fourteenth District—Pottawattamie county

41 Fifteenth District—Guthrie, Greene and Carroll counties

42 Sixteenth District—Dallas and Boone counties

43 Seventeenth District—Polk county

44 Eighteenth District—Jasper county

45 Nineteenth District—Poweshiek and Iowa counties

46 Twentieth District—Johnson county

47 Twenty-first District—Linn county

48 Twenty-second District—Muscatine and Cedar counties

- 49 Twenty-third District—Scott county
- 50 Twenty-fourth District—Clinton county
- 51 Twenty-fifth District—Jones and Jackson counties
- 52 Twenty-sixth District—Dubuque county
- 53 Twenty-seventh District—Clayton and Delaware counties
- 54 Twenty-eighth District—Benton and Buchanan counties
- 55 Twenty-ninth District—Black Hawk county
- 56 Thirtieth District—Tama and Grundy counties
- 57 Thirty-first District—Marshall county
- 58 Thirty-second District—Story county
- 59 Thirty-third District—Hardin and Franklin counties
- 60 Thirty-fourth District—Hamilton and Wright counties
- 61 Thirty-fifth District—Webster county
- 62 Thirty-sixth District—Calhoun, Pocahontas and Humboldt counties
- 63 Thirty-seventh District—Ida, Sac and Buena Vista counties
- 64 Thirty-eighth District—Woodbury county
- 65 Thirty-ninth District—Plymouth and Cherokee counties
- 66 Fortieth District—Sioux and Lyon counties
- 67 Forty-first District—O'Brien, Osceola and Dickinson counties
- 68 Forty-second District—Clay, Palo Alto and Emmet counties
- 69 Forty-third District—Hancock, Kossuth and Winnebago counties
- 70 Forty-fourth District—Cerro Gordo county
- 71 Forty-fifth District—Worth, Mitchell and Floyd counties
- 72 Forty-sixth District—Chickasaw, Howard and Winneshiek counties
- 73 Forty-seventh District—Fayette and Allamakee counties
- 74 Forty-eighth District—Butler and Bremer counties
- 75 "Section 85. Each senatorial district, which is entitled
- 76 to two or more senators, shall be divided into subdistricts
- 77 corresponding in number of senators to which the district is

78 entitled, but county lines shall not be crossed. Senators from  
79 such subdistricts shall be so classified by lot that one class,  
80 being as nearly one-half as possible, shall be elected every two  
81 years.

82 A senator shall be elected by the voters residing in each  
83 subdistrict who are residents of such subdistrict.

84 On the taking of each federal decennial census of the United  
85 States, the secretary of state shall certify to the governor the  
86 number of inhabitants of the state and the population of each  
87 county. The general assembly shall redistrict the senatorial  
88 districts at the first session of the general assembly after each  
89 federal decennial census has been so certified by the secretary  
90 of state.

91 If the general assembly fails to redistrict the senatorial  
92 districts at the first session of the general assembly after  
93 the official census has been certified, the supreme court shall  
94 redistrict the senatorial districts and its order shall be entered  
95 and certified to the governor and to the presiding officers of  
96 the general assembly and shall be effective until reapportionment  
97 after the next succeeding federal decennial census.

98 "Section 26. The house of representatives shall be divided  
99 into ninety-nine (99) representative districts and each county  
100 shall constitute a representative district. Each representative  
101 district shall be entitled to one (1) representative."

1 Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment is hereby referred  
2 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election  
3 for members of the general assembly and if approved such amendment  
4 may be submitted to the people at a special election in 1963, and  
5 the secretary of state shall cause the same to be published for

6 three consecutive months previous to the date of said election  
7 as provided by law.

8 If this amendment is approved by the general assembly in 1963,  
9 and a special election is provided for, the general assembly shall  
10 provide implementing legislation conditioned on the adoption by  
11 the people of this amendment; and the terms of all senators  
12 elected prior to the effective date of this amendment shall  
13 terminate on December 31, 1964.

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1 Amend Senate Joint Resolution 17 by adding after line  
2 101 of section 1 the following:  
3 "Section 37. When a congressional district shall be composed  
4 of two or more counties, it shall not be entirely separated by  
5 any county belonging to another district; and no county shall  
6 be divided in forming a congressional district."

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By HOXIE

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1 Amend the title to Senate Joint Resolution 17 by striking the  
2 period in line 3 and inserting the following: "and matters  
3 concerning congressional districts."

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