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By GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

*Gov. Affairs 3/30
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A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the composition of the General Assembly, the basis of representation of the members thereof, and the establishment of congressional districts.

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

- 1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Iowa is hereby proposed.
- 3 "Section six (6) of Article three (III), section thirty-four
- 4 (34) of Article three (III) and the 1904 and 1928 amendments
- 5 thereto, sections thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) of Article
- 6 three (III) and the 1904 amendment to each such section, and
- 7 section thirty-seven (37) of Article three (III) are hereby re-
- 8 pealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:
- 9 "Section 6. The number of senators shall total not more than
- 10 one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the membership of the House of Representatives.
- 11 Senators shall be classified by lot so that as nearly as possible
- 12 one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the members of the Senate shall be elected every
- 13 two (2) years.
- 14 "Section 34. The Senate shall be composed of not more than
- 15 fifty (50) members and the House of Representatives of not more
- 16 than one hundred (100) members. Senators and representatives shall
- 17 be elected from districts established by law. Each district so
- 18 established shall be of compact and contiguous territory. The
- 19 General Assembly shall establish both senatorial and representative

20 districts on the basis of population to insure that each citizen
21 of the State shall have fair and equal representation.

22 "Section 35. The General Assembly shall be redistricted at the
23 first session following the adoption of this amendment and at each
24 regular session convening in the year immediately following the
25 taking of the United States decennial census. Prior to December 1
26 of each year preceding the year in which redistricting of the
27 General Assembly is required, the state central committee of each
28 of the two (2) political parties casting the highest number of
29 votes for Governor in the last preceding general election shall
30 submit to the Governor a list of ten (10) resident, qualified
31 voters. The Governor shall appoint a commission of ten (10) mem-
32 bers, five (5) from each list, no later than December 20 of such
33 year. The commission so appointed shall be delegated with the
34 responsibility of determining the number of senators and repre-
35 sentatives to be elected and with establishing the senatorial
36 and representative districts. If either of the state central
37 committees fails to submit such a list within the time prescribed,
38 the Governor shall appoint five (5) resident, qualified voters of
39 the respective party to the commission. Commission members shall
40 receive such allowances as shall be established by law.

41 "Section 36. The redistricting commission within sixty (60)
42 days after the convening of a General Assembly in which redistrict-
43 ing is required shall submit an apportionment and redistricting
44 plan to the General Assembly. No plan of the commission shall be
45 submitted to the General Assembly which has not received the
46 approval of seven (7) commission members. The plan submitted by
47 the commission shall become law if the General Assembly does not

48 amend the plan or substitute a proposal therefor prior to June 1
49 of the year in which the plan is submitted. The Supreme Court
50 shall have original jurisdiction of all litigation instituted
51 questioning the apportionment or any plan apportioning the
52 General Assembly.

53 "Section 37. Congressional districts shall be of compact and
54 contiguous territory and shall be established on the basis of
55 population to insure fair and equal representation to each citizen
56 of the state."

1 Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa is hereby referred to the general assembly
3 to be chosen at the next general election for members of the
4 general assembly and the secretary of state is directed to cause
5 the same to be published for three (3) consecutive months previous
6 to the date of said election as provided by law.