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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2003  
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa reducing the maximum membership of the  
3 Senate and the House of Representatives.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HR 2003

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 34 of Article III of the Constitution of the State  
4 of Iowa, as amended by the third strike amendment of the  
5 Amendments of 1868, by amendment number 2 of the Amendments of  
6 1904, by the Amendment of 1928, and by amendment number 3 of  
7 the Amendments of 1968, is repealed and the following adopted  
8 in lieu thereof:

9 SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES -- LIMITATION. SEC.  
10 34. The Senate shall be composed of not more than thirty-  
11 seven and the House of Representatives of not more than  
12 seventy-four members. Senators and Representatives shall be  
13 elected from districts established by law. Each district so  
14 established shall be compact and contiguous territory. The  
15 state shall be apportioned into Senatorial and Representative  
16 districts on the basis of population. The General Assembly  
17 may provide by law for factors in addition to population, not  
18 in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, which  
19 may be considered in the apportioning of Senatorial districts.  
20 No law so adopted shall permit the establishment of Senatorial  
21 districts whereby a majority of the members of the Senate  
22 shall represent less than forty percent of the population of  
23 the state as shown by the most recent United States decennial  
24 census.

25 The General Assembly shall make such changes in the law  
26 governing the time of election and terms of office of Senators  
27 and Representatives as shall be necessary to make the time of  
28 their election and terms of office conform to this amendment  
29 beginning with terms of office beginning on or after January  
30 1, 2013.

31 Sec. 2. PUBLICATION AND REFERRAL. The foregoing amendment  
32 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred to the  
33 General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for  
34 members of the General Assembly and the Secretary of State is  
35 directed to cause the same to be published for three

1 consecutive months previous to the date of that election as  
2 provided by law.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
5 Constitution of the State of Iowa to change the number of  
6 members of the Iowa House of Representatives to not more than  
7 74 and the number of members of the Iowa Senate to not more  
8 than 37.

9 The joint resolution, if adopted, would be referred to the  
10 next General Assembly before being submitted to the electorate  
11 for ratification.

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