

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

CHAPTER 31

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IN RE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(First time passed by G. A.)

S. J. R. 1

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 to amend the Constitution by repeal of section six (6), Article three (III) thereof, section thirty-four (34) of Article three (III) thereof and the 1904 and 1928 amendments thereto, sections thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) of Article three (III), and the 1904 amendment to each such section, and section thirty-seven (37) of Article three (III), and proposing substitutes in lieu thereof.

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 (34) of
- 4 Article three (III) and the 1904 and 1928 amendments thereto, sec-
- 5 tions thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) of Article three (III) and
- 6 the 1904 amendment to each such section, and section thirty-seven
- 7 (37) of Article three (III) are hereby repealed and the following
- 8 adopted in lieu thereof:
- 9 "Section 34. The Senate shall consist of fifty senators so classified
- 10 that approximately one-half will be elected each two years. The sev-
- 11 eral most populous counties containing in the aggregate fifty percent
- 12 of the population of the state shall be entitled to eighteen senators.
- 13 Said eighteen senators shall be allocated to the most populous coun-
- 14 ties in proportion to their population, but each of said counties shall
- 15 be entitled to at least one senator. The remaining thirty-two senators
- 16 shall be apportioned by the redistricting authority among the remain-
- 17 ing counties but no district shall be composed of more than three
- 18 counties and each such district shall be entitled to one senator and
- 19 such districts shall be so arranged so that a majority of the members
- 20 of the Senate shall be elected by no less than thirty-six percent of the
- 21 population.
- 22 "Section 35. The House of Representatives shall consist of one
- 23 hundred fourteen representatives. The several most populous coun-
- 24 ties containing in the aggregate fifty percent of the population of the
- 25 state shall be represented by fifty percent of the members of the
- 26 House apportioned among said counties according to the respective
- 27 populations thereof. The other fifty percent of the members of the
- 28 House shall be apportioned among the remaining counties in propor-
- 29 tion to the population of said counties.
- 30 "Section 36. Each congressional, senatorial or representational
- 31 district composed of more than one county shall consist of compact
- 32 and contiguous territory and no county shall be divided in forming

33 any such district, except counties shall be divided in the establish-
 34 ment of representative districts where there is a variation of thirty
 35 percent or more from the base figure obtained by dividing the total
 36 population of the state by the whole number of representatives to be
 37 elected to the House. The General Assembly shall provide by law for
 38 subdistricting in counties entitled to more than two senators or repre-
 39 sentatives. Subdistricts shall consist of compact and contiguous ter-
 40 ritory and shall conform to the boundaries of voting districts. No
 41 subdistrict shall have a population more than ten percent greater than
 42 the population of any other subdistrict in the same district.

43 "Section 37. Each redistricting by the General Assembly shall be
 44 done by law.

45 "Each redistricting shall include the determination of the number
 46 and boundaries of senatorial and representative districts and subdis-
 47 tricts, and the number of senators and representatives to be elected
 48 from each district or subdistrict, all in accordance with this article.

49 "Each redistricting shall also provide for the transition from the
 50 existing senatorial districts and apportionment to the new senatorial
 51 districts and apportionment; and for this purpose the first election of
 52 senators from specified districts may be delayed for two years and
 53 counties may be temporarily attached to senatorial districts. Each
 54 redistricting shall provide for the election of senators for terms of
 55 two years to the extent necessary in order to comply with section
 56 thirty-four of this Article.

57 "Each senator shall be allowed to serve during the entire term for
 58 which he shall have been elected, even if the district which shall have
 59 elected him is changed or eliminated by redistricting.

60 "Redistricting shall be done by the General Assembly during its
 61 regular session in the year 1973 and each ten (10) years thereafter.

62 "If the General Assembly fails to redistrict during the session in
 63 which it is required to redistrict, the state Supreme Court shall
 64 promptly perform the redistricting in accordance with this Article.
 65 The redistricting order of the Supreme Court shall be final.

66 "Before June fifteen of such year, any ten members of the General
 67 Assembly may petition the Supreme Court to determine whether the
 68 action of the General Assembly substantially complies with the pro-
 69 visions of the Constitution. If the action substantially complies, the
 70 court shall so notify the Secretary of State and the decision shall be
 71 final. If the court determines that the action does not substantially
 72 comply, the court shall provide for the redistricting of senatorial and
 73 representative districts, the number of senators and representatives
 74 which shall be elected from each respective senatorial and representa-
 75 tive district, and the establishment of senatorial and representative
 76 subdistricts. The court shall proceed in its action as provided in the
 77 preceding paragraph of this section.

78 "Redistricting shall take effect beginning with the nomination and
 79 election of senators and representatives for the next regular session
 80 of the General Assembly which begins after the redistricting becomes
 81 a law or after the redistricting order of the Supreme Court is
 82 entered."

1 SEC. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of
 2 the State of Iowa is hereby referred to the General Assembly to be

3 chosen at the next general election for members of the General As-
 4 sembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the same to be
 5 published as provided by law for three (3) months previous to the
 6 time of making such choice.

CHAPTER 32

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(First time passed by G. A.)

H. J. R. 6

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the formation of Congressional districts and repealing the provisions relating to state senatorial and representative 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 thirty-seven (37) of Article Three (III) of the Constitu-
 4 tion of the State of Iowa is hereby repealed and the following is
 5 adopted in lieu thereof:

6 'Sec. 37. When a congressional district is composed of two or
 7 more counties it shall not be entirely separated by a county belonging
 8 to another district and no county shall be divided in forming a con-
 9 gressional district.'

1 SEC. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment is hereby referred to
 2 the General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election for
 3 members of the General Assembly, and shall be published as provided
 4 by law for three (3) consecutive months previous to the date of said
 5 general election.

CHAPTER 33

REMODELING SENATE AND REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBERS

S. J. R. 2

A JOINT RESOLUTION making appropriations for payment of miscellaneous expenses to be incurred in remodeling the chamber of the House of Representatives and refurnishing the chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special committee to study
 2 and plan the remodeling of the chamber of the House of Representa-
 3 tives and to purchase and install new equipment for the Senate and
 4 House of Representatives chambers as a result of reapportionment of
 5 the legislature.

1 SEC. 2. Said committee shall be composed of eight (8) members,
 2 four (4) members from the Senate, appointed by the President of the
 3 Senate, and four (4) members from the House of Representatives,
 4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.