

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 93

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A RESOLUTION to amend Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to establishment of a redistricting commission.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution of Tennessee requires the General Assembly to establish senatorial and representative districts after each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the "Citizens Redistricting Commission Amendment" now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article II of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 4. The apportionment of senators and representatives shall be substantially according to population. A non-partisan, five-member independent redistricting commission shall be established by the general assembly. After each decennial census made by the Bureau of Census of the United States is available, the commission shall establish senatorial and representative districts. The commission shall provide opportunities for public input and shall, prior to adoption of any plan, hold at least two (2) public meetings in each grand division of the state; provided that no more than one (1) such public meeting shall be held in the same county or in a county contiguous to the county in which another meeting has been held. The general assembly may not amend, and the governor may not veto, plans adopted by the commission. Redistricting plans

shall otherwise be published in accordance with provisions of general law. The general assembly may terminate the commission after adoption of senatorial and representative districts but shall provide for re-establishment of the commission prior to each decennial census and to comply with judicial orders concerning adopted plans as needed. The provisions of this amendment shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to the 2020 redistricting cycle and subsequent cycles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the senate is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the secretary of state.