



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0026

Introduced , by Rep. Brad Halbrook

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that for the purposes of creating Legislative and Representative Districts, counties, municipalities, and townships containing less than a specified population shall not be divided. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 3 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3)

13 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

14 (a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and
15 substantially equal in population. Representative Districts
16 shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in
17 population. For the purposes of creating Legislative and
18 Representative Districts, the following shall not be divided:
19 (1) counties containing less than 25,000 inhabitants; (2)
20 municipalities containing less than 15,000 inhabitants; and
21 (3) townships containing less than 2,500 inhabitants.

22 (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census
23 year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the

1 Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts.

2 If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of
3 that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be
4 constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall
5 consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be
6 members of the same political party.

7 The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
8 Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one
9 Representative and one person who is not a member of the
10 General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the
11 Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one
12 person who is not a member of the General Assembly.

13 The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by
14 the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall
15 be filled within five days by the authority that made the
16 original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be
17 chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.

18 Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with
19 the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at
20 least five members.

21 If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting
22 plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons,
23 not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not
24 later than September 1.

25 Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly
26 shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two

1 persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.

2 Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with
3 the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at
4 least five members.

5 An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of
6 State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect
7 of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of
8 State.

9 The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive
10 jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House
11 and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People
12 of the State by the Attorney General.

13 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
14 1980.)

15 SCHEDULE

16 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
17 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
18 Constitutional Amendment Act.