



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0042

Introduced , by Rep. Deanne M. Mazzochi

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that if a municipality has been divided between two or more Legislative Districts under a redistricting plan, that municipality may petition to the General Assembly, or the Commission established by the General Assembly, to unify the municipality into one Legislative District. Provides that the General Assembly or Commission shall either unify the municipality or provide the municipality with an explanation of the necessity of dividing the municipality into two or more Legislative Districts. Effective upon being declare 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 Section 3 of Article IV
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (IILCON 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.

18 (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census
19 year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the
20 Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts.

21 If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of
22 that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be
23 constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall

1 consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be
2 members of the same political party.

3 The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
4 Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one
5 Representative and one person who is not a member of the
6 General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the
7 Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one
8 person who is not a member of the General Assembly.

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

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

17 If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting
18 plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons,
19 not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not
20 later than September 1.

21 Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly
22 shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two
23 persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.

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

1 An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of
2 State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect
3 of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of
4 State.

5 If a municipality has been divided between two or more
6 Legislative Districts under a redistricting plan, that
7 municipality may petition to the General Assembly, or the
8 Commission established by the General Assembly, to unify the
9 municipality into one Legislative District. The General
10 Assembly or Commission shall either unify the municipality or
11 provide the municipality with an explanation of the necessity
12 of dividing the municipality into two or more Legislative
13 Districts.

14 The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive
15 jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House
16 and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People
17 of the State by the Attorney General.

18 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
19 1980.)

20 SCHEDULE

21 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
22 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
23 Constitutional Amendment Act.