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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
105TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1238, L.D. 1524, RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Providing for Appor-  
tionment of the House of Representatives into Single Member  
Districts.

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the 3rd and 4th  
underlined paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the  
following:

'Section 2. Division. The House of Representatives shall  
consist of one hundred and fifty-one members, to be elected by  
the qualified electors of the districts into which the State shall  
be from time to time divided and hold their office two years from  
the day next preceding the biennial meeting of the Legislature.  
The Legislature which shall convene after the adoption of this  
amendment shall cause the State to be divided into districts for  
the choice of a Representative from each district. The Legislature  
shall in 1981, and every tenth year thereafter, do likewise. The  
number of Representatives shall at the several periods of making  
such enumeration, be fixed and apportioned by the Legislature among  
the several counties, as near as may be, according to the number of  
inhabitants. Each county shall be entitled to that number of  
Representatives which is in the same proportion to the total number  
of Representatives as the number of inhabitants of the county bears  
to the number of inhabitants of the State, fractional excesses  
over whole numbers to be computed in favor of the counties having  
the larger fractional excesses.'

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Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the 5th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of Part First of Article IV of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Section 3. Apportionment within counties. Apportionment of Representatives within each county shall be made by dividing the total number of inhabitants in the county by the number of Representatives to which the county is entitled to determine a district base number. The cities and towns within the county shall then be combined or divided, consistent with this section, so as to form districts with populations as near as may be to the district base number. Cities and towns having populations greater than the district base number shall first be divided into as many single member districts, containing only inhabitants of such city or town, as the total population of such city or town has multiples of the district base number, and the surplus population, if any, of such city or town shall be combined with some other geographically contiguous city or town, or some portion thereof, to form a district with a population as near as may be to the district base number. Cities and towns having populations less than the district base number shall be combined with some other geographically contiguous city or town, or portion thereof, to form a single member district with a population as near as may be to the district base number.'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to apportion the House of Representatives by Constitutional Amendment on a county basis.

Filed by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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