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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
105TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" 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 pre-
ceding 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, ac-
cording 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.

(Filing No. H-168)

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'Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of Part First of Article IV of the Constitution is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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. Multi-member districts shall be prohibited.'

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Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the formation of multi-member districts.

Filed by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

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