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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to S.P. 673, L.D. 2040, "RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Annual
Sessions of the Legislature and to Limit the Matters Which May be
Considered in the Second Regular Session to Provide for Single Member
Districts in the House of Representatives; to Provide for Reduction
of the Number of Representatives and Reapportionment of the House of
Representatives and the Senate in 1983; to Establish an Apportionment
Commission to Plan for all Reapportionments of the House of
Representatives and Senate; to Abolish the Executive Council and
Reassign Certain Constitutional Powers to a Legislative Council; and to
Provide that Oaths and Subscriptions of Office of the Governor,
Representatives and Senators shall be Taken before the Chief Justice
of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Amend said Resolution by striking out all of the 5th paragraph
and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 3. Apportionment within districts. The number of
representatives shall be fixed and apportioned by the Legislature as follows:
The Legislature which shall convene in the First Regular Session after the
adoption of this amendment shall consist of one hundred fifty-one
representatives, elected from districts apportioned in the method
outlined below.

The number of inhabitants of the State as determined by the latest
Federal Decennial Census shall be divided by the number of representatives
to determine a median population figure for each representative district.
Each representative district shall be formed of contiguous and compact
territory and shall cross political subdivision lines the least number
of times reasonably necessary to establish, as nearly as practicable,

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districts with population equality. Each municipality having a number of inhabitants greater than the median population figures shall be entitled to as many representatives as the number of times the number of its inhabitants fully contains the median population figure.

Whenever a municipality entitled to one or more representatives shall have an excess of population insufficient to justify an additional representative, that excess of population may be combined with contiguous territory from no more than one municipality to form a single representative district.

Any municipality entitled to two or more representatives may be organized into single member districts whereby each legally qualified elector therein is entitled to vote for only one representative or into any combination of single and multiple member representative districts.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to establish a method by which the Legislature may fulfill its constitutional responsibility to reapportion itself.

Filed by Mr. Martin of Eagle Lake.

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