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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " B " to H. P. 1972, L. D. 2513, RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution to Provide for Single Member Districts in the House of Representatives; to Provide for Reduction of the Number of Representatives to One Hundred Thirty-two, and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives before the General Election of 1976; to Provide for Further Reduction of the Number of Representatives to Ninety-nine, and Reapportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate before the General Election of 1984; to Provide for Annual Sessions of the Legislature and to Limit the Matters which may be Considered in the Second Regular Session; 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 Constitutional Resolution in the title by striking out in the 5th and 6th lines (same in L.D.) the words "Further Reduction of the Number of Representatives to Ninety-nine, and" and by inserting in the 12th line (same in L.D.) after the word "Council" the words 'and to the Senate'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 2 in that part designated "Section 2." in the 6th line (5th line in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word and figure "until 1984" and by striking out all of the last underlined sentence.

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article IV, Part First, Section 3 in that part designated

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"Section 3." in the 7th and 8th lines (5th, 6th and 7th lines in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "cause the State to be divided into ninety-nine districts for the choice of one Representative from each district" and insert in place thereof the underlined words 'do likewise'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article IV, Part Second, Section 2 in that part designated "Section 2." in the 4th line (3rd line in L.D.) by striking out the underlined word "three" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'four'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article V, Part First, Section 8 in that part designated "Section 8." by striking out in the 2nd and 5th lines (2nd and 4th lines in L.D.) the following: "Legislative Council" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~Council~~ Senate'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution by striking out all of that part relating to Constitution, Article V, Part First, Section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Constitution, Article V, Part First, Section 13, amended. Section 13 of Part First of Article V of the Constitution is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences to read as follows:

The Governor may convene the Senate as provided by statute for the sole purpose of confirming appointments. The Governor may convene the Legislative Council as provided by statute for the purpose of acting on such matters as he may properly bring before them.'

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Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article VI, Section 6 by striking out in the 4th line from the end (3rd line in L.D.) the following: "Legislative Council" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~Council~~ Senate'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article IX, Section 10 in the 8th and 9th lines (6th and 7th lines in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Legislative Council" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~Council~~ Senate' and in the last line (last 2 lines of L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "Legislative Council" and inserting in place thereof the underlined word 'Senate'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in that part relating to Constitution, Article IX, Section 11 in that part designated "Section 11." by striking out in the 5th line (same in L.D.) the following: "Legislative Council" and inserting in place thereof the following: '~~Council~~ Senate'

Further amend said Constitutional Resolution in the question in the 6th and 7th lines (5th and 6th lines in L.D.) by striking out the words "Further Reduction of the Number of Representatives to Ninety-nine, and" and in the 15th line (12th line in L.D.) by inserting after the word "Council" the words 'and to the Senate'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the House of Representatives shall be reduced in size only to 132 and to place confirmation powers in the Senate rather than the Legislative Council.

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