



**HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION No. 9**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 4, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Redistricting. Provides that the general assembly may establish a commission to draw congressional and legislative districts. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 4, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning the general assembly.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 4, SECTIONhj 5 OF THE
- 6 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO
- 7 READ AS FOLLOWS: Section 5. **(a) Except as provided in**
- 8 **subsection (b)**, the General Assembly elected during the year in which
- 9 a federal decennial census is taken shall fix by law the number of
- 10 Senators and Representatives and apportion them among districts
- 11 according to the number of inhabitants in each district, as revealed by
- 12 that federal decennial census.
- 13 **(b) The General Assembly may by law establish a commission**



1 to draw congressional and legislative districts according to the
2 number of inhabitants in each district and other criteria
3 established by law. If the General Assembly establishes a
4 commission under this subsection, the following apply:
5 (1) The General Assembly shall fix the number of Senators
6 and Representatives.
7 (2) The districts drawn by the commission are the districts for
8 election of members of Congress and for members of the
9 General Assembly, respectively.
10 (c) The territory in each district shall be contiguous.

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