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 Constitutional Amendments.

By McFARLANE, SCHWENGEL, NELSON  
 of Woodbury, HEDIN, SLOANE, BURK-  
 MAN, KOSEK, KNICKERBOCKER,  
 VAN EATON, TESMER, NIELSEN, Mc-  
 ELENEY, LONG, SMITH of Des Moines,  
 BROWN of Mahaska, UTZIG, DUFFY,  
 TROEGER, LAWRENCE, WALTER of  
 Pottawattamie and NICHOLAS.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to repeal and reenact a substitute for section  
 thirty-five (35) of Article three (III) of the  
 Constitution of the state of Iowa, as said section  
 was adopted by vote of the people in 1904, relating  
 to representation in the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental concept of democratic  
 government that the people are entitled to representation  
 proportionate to population, and,

WHEREAS, the people of the state of Iowa are deserving  
 of and entitled to such proportionate representation, and,

WHEREAS, there has been no reapportionment of the House  
 of Representatives since 1904, and,

WHEREAS, at the present time persons representing but  
 one-third of the population of the state of Iowa can control  
 the House of Representatives by majority vote, and,

WHEREAS, a situation is thus created whereby the will of  
 a minority is forced upon the people of the state of Iowa, and,

WHEREAS, it lies within the province of the General  
 Assembly to correct this inequality and injustice by submitting  
 the matter to a vote of the people, now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 Section 1. Section thirty-five (35) of Article three
- 2 (III) of the Constitution of the state of Iowa is repealed

3 and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

4     “The House of Representatives shall consist of not  
5 more than one hundred and thirty members, but each county  
6 shall constitute one representative district and be entitled  
7 to one representative; however, the county having the  
8 greatest population, as shown by the last preceding federal  
9 census, shall be entitled to four additional representatives,  
10 the five counties having the next greatest population shall  
11 be entitled to three additional representatives each, the  
12 four counties having the next greatest population shall be  
13 entitled to two additional representatives each and the four  
14 counties having the next greatest population shall be  
15 entitled to one additional representative each.”