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H.J.R. No. 200

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United  
2 States relating to the number of representatives in the United  
3 States House of Representatives.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The Legislature of the State of Texas, pursuant  
6 to Article V of the United States Constitution, does hereby ratify  
7 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by  
8 resolution of the First Congress of the United States in New York,  
9 New York, on September 25, 1789, which reads as follows:

10 "RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
11 United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both  
12 Houses concurring, that the following [Article] be proposed to the  
13 Legislatures of the several States, . . . which [Article], when  
14 ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to  
15 all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.

16 "[An ARTICLE] in addition to, and Amendment of the  
17 Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress,  
18 and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to  
19 the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

20 "Article the first . . . After the first enumeration required  
21 by the first article of the Constitution, there shall be one  
22 Representative for every thirty thousand, until the number shall  
23 amount to one hundred, after which the proportion shall be so  
24 regulated by Congress, that there shall be not less than one hundred

1 Representatives, nor less than one Representative for every forty  
2 thousand persons, until the number of Representatives shall amount  
3 to two hundred; after which the proportion shall be so regulated by  
4 Congress, that there shall not be less than two hundred  
5 Representatives, nor more than one Representative for every fifty  
6 thousand persons."

7 SECTION 2. The Legislature of the State of Texas finds that  
8 the above-quoted article of amendment to the United States  
9 Constitution may still be ratified by the state legislatures in the  
10 same manner as the Twenty-seventh Amendment.

11 SECTION 3. The secretary of state of this state shall:

12 (1) notify the archivist of the United States of the  
13 action of the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular  
14 Session, 2023, by sending the archivist a copy of this resolution;

15 (2) send copies of this resolution to the United  
16 States senators and representatives from Texas, to the vice  
17 president of the United States, and to the speaker of the United  
18 States House of Representatives with the request that it be printed  
19 in full in the Congressional Record; and

20 (3) send copies of this resolution to the presiding  
21 officers of the legislatures of the states that have not yet  
22 ratified the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.