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A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to require that the apportionment of members of the United States House of Representatives elected from this state be based on the most recent United States decennial census and preserve communities of interest to the extent practicable.

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

SECTION 1.  Article III, Texas Constitution, is amended by adding Section 26a to read as follows:

Sec. 26a.  (a) The members of the United States House of Representatives elected from this state shall be apportioned as nearly as may be on a ratio obtained by dividing the population of the state, as ascertained by the most recent United States decennial census, by the number of members of the United States House of Representatives elected from this state.

(b)  The apportionment of members of the United States House of Representatives elected from this state shall to the extent practicable keep intact communities of interest defined by social, economic, racial, ethnic, cultural, industrial, commercial, and geographic commonalities.

SECTION 2.  This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that the apportionment of members of the United States House of Representatives elected from this state be based on the most recent United States decennial census and preserve communities of interest to the extent practicable."