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H.J.R. No. 4

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
21 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2022.
22 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
23 proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require that the
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