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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE BILL

No. **263** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SILVERT AND McCREESE,  
FEBRUARY 21, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES  
AND FEDERAL RELATIONS, FEBRUARY 21, 1961.

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to article two section sixteen of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania removing limitations on the number of Senators from the same city or county

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows

- 1 Section 1 The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the pro-
- 3 visions of the eighteenth article thereof

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill.  
Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 That section sixteen article two of the Constitution of the Com-  
2 monwealth of Pennsylvania be amended to read

3 Section 16 The State shall be divided into fifty senatorial districts  
4 of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as  
5 may be and each district shall be entitled to elect one Senator Each  
6 county containing one or more ratios of population shall be entitled  
7 to one Senator for each ratio and to an additional Senator for a surplus  
8 of population exceeding three-fifths of a ratio but no county shall form  
9 a separate district unless it shall contain four-fifths of a ratio except  
10 where the adjoining counties are each entitled to one or more Senators  
11 when such county may be assigned a Senator on less than four-fifths  
12 and exceeding one-half of a ratio and no county shall be divided unless  
13 entitled to two or more Senators No ward borough or township shall  
14 be divided in the formation of a district The senatorial ratio shall be  
15 ascertained by dividing the whole population of the State by the num-  
16 ber fifty

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives