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Introduced by M. of A. BRODSKY, CAHILL, DINOWITZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COLTON, HOYT, KOON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to article 3 of the constitution, in relation to nonpartisan establishment of state legislative districts

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That article 3 of the constitution be amended by adding a new section 5-b to read as follows:

S 5-B. A NONPARTISAN COMMISSION COMPRISED OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, THAT SHALL CONSIST OF MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT ELECTED TO THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY, SHALL APPORTION SENATE AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO POPULATION AND GEOGRAPHICAL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION'S FINAL APPORTIONMENT BOUNDARIES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT SUCH LAWS AS ARE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing amendment be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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