

HJR 63 -- LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING AND MEMBERSHIP

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Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment changes the process for electing members of the General Assembly based on district boundaries. In its main provisions, the bill increases, beginning in 2021, the number of Senators and Senate Districts from 34 to 40 and decreases the number of Representatives and Representative Districts from 163 to 120; establishes the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission; establishes a nonpartisan Redistricting Division in the Joint Committee on Legislative Research to conduct the redistricting based on any constitutional requirements, requires the Redistricting Division to submit its first proposal to the General Assembly by April 1 of each year ending in one, and specifies the procedures for maintaining senate districts with one-half of members elected every two years. The bill specifies a process for evaluating who may run for office in new holdover senate districts that are created by the division in the 2021 redistricting plan.