



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0028

Introduced 4/20/2026, by Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution concerning the decennial redistricting of Legislative and Representative Districts. Provides that Legislative and Representative Districts shall each be drawn, in order of priority, (1) to be substantially equal in population; (2) to ensure that no citizen is denied an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of his or her choice on account of race; (3) to create, where practical, racial coalition or influence Districts; (4) to be contiguous; and (5) to the extent practicable, to be compact. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
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3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
 4 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
 5 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
 6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
 7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption
 8 of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 3 of Article
 9 IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
 11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 3)

13 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

14 (a) Legislative and Representative Districts shall be
 15 drawn, in order of priority, (1) to be substantially equal in
 16 population; (2) to ensure that no citizen is denied an equal
 17 opportunity to participate in the political process and to
 18 elect representatives of his or her choice on account of race;
 19 (3) to create, where practical, racial coalition or influence
 20 Districts; (4) to be contiguous; and (5) to the extent
 21 practicable, to be compact. ~~Legislative Districts shall be~~
 22 ~~compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population.~~
 23 ~~Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and~~

1 ~~substantially equal in population.~~

2 (b) In the year following each Federal decennial census
3 year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the
4 Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts.

5 If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of
6 that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be
7 constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall
8 consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be
9 members of the same political party.

10 The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
11 Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one
12 Representative and one person who is not a member of the
13 General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the
14 Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and
15 one person who is not a member of the General Assembly.

16 The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State
17 by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission
18 shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the
19 original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be
20 chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.

21 Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with
22 the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at
23 least five members.

24 If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting
25 plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons,
26 not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not

1 later than September 1.

2 Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State
3 publicly shall draw by random selection the name of one of the
4 two persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.

5 Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with
6 the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at
7 least five members.

8 An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of
9 State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect
10 of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of
11 State.

12 The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive
13 jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House
14 and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People
15 of the State by the Attorney General.

16 (Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4,
17 1980.)

18 SCHEDULE

19 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
20 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
21 Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to redistricting
22 beginning in 2031 and to the election of members of the General
23 Assembly beginning in 2032.