

PROPOSED SINGLE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AMENDMENT, 1889

Proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly, January 8, 1889. Submitted to electors, November 5, 1889.

Total vote cast	.	.	.	.	.	780,304
For amendment	.	.	.	.	.	245,444
Against amendment	.	.	.	.	.	259,420
Not adopted.						

AMENDMENT NO. 2

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, that a proposition shall be submitted to the electors of this state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1889, to amend sections 1 to 11, inclusive, of article XI, of the Constitution of the state of Ohio, so they shall read as follows:

ARTICLE XI

SECTION 1. The apportionment for members of the general assembly shall be made every ten years, prior to the first election for members of the general assembly in each decennial period, in the manner herein provided.

SEC. 2. During the month of February prior to the first election for members of the general assembly, in each decennial period, the members of the senate and house of representatives representing the two leading political parties respectively, shall meet in separate bodies, and each of said bodies shall designate two electors, who shall forthwith be appointed by the governor,

and such four electors so designated and appointed shall constitute a commission, who shall ascertain and determine the ratio of representation for members of the house of representatives and senators, the number of representatives to which each county is entitled, and the boundaries of each senatorial district. Should any vacancy occur in such commission, the senators of the party making the original designation shall, within ten days thereafter, designate an elector to fill such vacancy, and he shall forthwith be appointed by the governor.

SEC. 3. The population of the state, as ascertained by the preceding federal census, or in such other manner as the general assembly shall direct, shall be divided by the number "one hundred and ten," and the quotient shall be the ratio of representation in the house of representatives for the ten years succeeding such apportionment.

SEC. 4. Each county shall be entitled to at least one representative; each county containing such ratio, and one-half over, shall be entitled to two representatives; each county containing two and one-half times such ratio shall be entitled to three representatives, and so on.

SEC. 5. Each county entitled to more than one representative shall be divided by such commission into as many districts as there are representatives apportioned to such county; and one representative shall be chosen from each district.

SEC. 6. Each representative district, in counties entitled to more than one representative, shall be composed of compact territory, bounded by ward or township lines, and as nearly equal in population as practicable; and each of such districts shall be numbered.

SEC. 7. The state shall be divided into not less than

thirty-five nor more than forty senatorial districts, as herein provided, and each district shall choose one senator.

SEC. 8. The ratio for a senator shall be ascertained by dividing the population of the state by the number "thirty-five."

SEC. 9. Each senatorial district shall be composed of compact territory, as nearly equal in population as practicable, and except as to districts in counties entitled to two or more senators, shall be bounded by county lines.

SEC. 10. Each county having a population equal to three-fourths of one senatorial ratio shall constitute a senatorial district. Each county having a population equal to one senatorial ratio, and one-half over, shall be divided into two senatorial districts. Each county having a population equal to two and one-half ratios shall be divided into three senatorial districts, and so on; but no ward or township shall be divided in the formation of a senatorial district.

SEC. 11. The apportionment so made for members of the general assembly shall be reported to the governor, by such commission, within three months after their appointment, and the same shall be published in such manner as shall be provided by law.

SECTION 2. At such election those electors desiring to vote for such amendment shall have placed upon their ballots the words "Legislative single district - Yes," and those opposed to such amendment shall have placed upon their ballots the words "Legislative single district - No."⁴⁹

⁴⁹ *Laws of Ohio*, vol. lxxxvi, 724. - Ed.