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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first and 2nd indented paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 12 to 15 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 2nd to 7th indented paragraphs and inserting the following:

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §2 is amended to read:

Section 2. Number of Representatives; biennial terms; division of the State into districts for House of Representatives. The House of Representatives shall consist of 151 members, except that, for the Legislature that convenes in 2015 and thereafter, the House of Representatives shall consist of 131, 141 or 151 members, the specific number to be determined by the most recent Legislative Apportionment Commission, to be elected by the qualified electors, and hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first Wednesday in December following the general election. The Legislature which convenes in 1983 and every 10th year thereafter shall cause the State to be divided into districts for the choice of one Representative for each district. The number of Representatives shall be divided into the number of inhabitants of the State exclusive of foreigners not naturalized according to the latest Federal Decennial Census or a State Census previously ordered by the Legislature to coincide with the Federal Decennial Census, to determine a mean population figure for each Representative District. Each Representative District shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall cross political subdivision lines the least number of times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable equally populated districts. Whenever the population of a municipality entitles it to more than one district, all whole districts shall be drawn within municipal boundaries. Any population remainder within the municipality shall be included in a district with contiguous territory and shall be kept intact.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the last 2 lines before the summary (page 1, lines 18 and 19 in amendment) and inserting the following:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to alter the size of the House of Representatives beginning in 2015 from the current 151 members to a number of members equal to 131, 141 or 151, the specific number to be determined by the Legislative Apportionment Commission?"

SUMMARY

This amendment proposes altering the size of the House of Representatives beginning in 2015 from the current 151 members to a number of members equal to 131, 141 or 151, the specific number to be determined by the Legislative Apportionment Commission.