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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Section 15 of Article II of the
Constitution of the State of Ohio to require the
affirmative vote of the Representative or Senator who
represents a particular district in order to pass a
bill that disproportionately affects persons,
property, or activities in that district.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general
election to be held on November 7, 2017, a proposal to amend
Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of
Ohio to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

Section 15. (A) (1) The general assembly shall enact no law
except by bill, and subject to division (A) (2) of this section,
no bill shall be passed without the concurrence of a majority of
the members elected to each house. Bills may originate in either
house, but may be altered, amended, or rejected in the other.

(2) If a bill, or a provision of a bill,

disproportionately affects persons, property, or activities in a 21
particular house of representatives district, then the 22
affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the house of 23
representatives, including the representative who represents 24
that district, shall be required to pass the bill in the house 25
of representatives. If a bill, or a provision of a bill, 26
disproportionately affects persons, property, or activities in a 27
particular senate district, then the affirmative vote of a 28
majority of the members of the senate, including the senator who 29
represents that district, shall be required to pass the bill in 30
the senate. 31

(B) The style of the laws of this state shall be, "be it 32
enacted by the general assembly of the state of Ohio." 33

(C) Every bill shall be considered by each house on three 34
different days, unless two-thirds of the members elected to the 35
house in which it is pending suspend this requirement, and every 36
individual consideration of a bill or action suspending the 37
requirement shall be recorded in the journal of the respective 38
house. No bill may be passed until the bill has been reproduced 39
and distributed to members of the house in which it is pending 40
and every amendment been made available upon a member's request. 41

(D) No bill shall contain more than one subject, which 42
shall be clearly expressed in its title. No law shall be revived 43
or amended unless the new act contains the entire act revived, 44
or the section or sections amended, and the section or sections 45
amended shall be repealed. 46

(E) Every bill which has passed both houses of the general 47
assembly shall be signed by the presiding officer of each house 48
to certify that the procedural requirements for passage have 49
been met and shall be presented forthwith to the governor for 50

his approval. 51

(F) Every joint resolution which has been adopted in both 52
houses of the general assembly shall be signed by the presiding 53
officer of each house to certify that the procedural 54
requirements for adoption have been met and shall forthwith be 55
filed with the secretary of state. 56

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL 57

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this 58
proposal, Section 15 of Article II of the Constitution of the 59
State of Ohio, as amended by this proposal, takes effect 60
immediately, and the existing version of that section is 61
repealed from that effective date. 62