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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced By: Representative Spencer E.Dickinson

Date Introduced: February 12, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

RESOLVED, That a majority of all members elected to each house of the general assembly voting therefore, the following amendment to the Constitution of the state be proposed to the qualified electors of the state in accordance with the provisions of Article XIV of the Constitution, for their approval and the following section is hereby amended, effective on January 1, 2015, to read as follows:

6 ARTICLE VII

# OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Composition. -- There shall be one hundred (100) members of the house of representatives, provided, however, that commencing in 2003 there shall be seventy five (75) members of the house of representatives. The house of representatives shall be constituted on the basis of population and the representative districts, shall be fifty (50) in number, shall be as nearly equal in population and as compact in territory as possible. Each representative district shall elect two (2) members, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female. The general assembly shall, after any new census taken by authority of the United States, reapportion the representation to conform to the Constitution of the state and the Constitution of the United States.

RESOLVED, That the said proposition of amendment shall be submitted to the electors of their approval or rejection at the next statewide general election. The voting places in the several cities and towns shall be kept open during the hours required by law for voting therein for

general officers of the state; and be it further

That the secretary of state shall cause the said proposition of amendment to be published as a part of this resolution in the newspapers of the state prior to the date of the said meetings of the said electors; and the said proposition shall be inserted in the warrants or notices to be issued previous to said meetings of the electors for the purpose of warning the town, ward, or district meetings, and said proposition shall be read by the town, ward, or district meetings to be held as aforesaid; and be it further

That the town, ward, and district meetings to be held aforesaid shall be warned, and the list of voters shall be canvassed and made up, and the said town, ward, and district meetings shall be conducted in the same manner as now provided by law for the town, ward, and district meetings for the election of general officers of the state.

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