

RESOLUTION No. 5—H. F. No. 522

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to call a convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to apportionment of state legislatures.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States is requested to call a Convention for the single purpose of proposing the following article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

“Article ———

“Section 1. Nothing in this Constitution shall prohibit any state which shall have a bicameral legislature from apportioning the membership of one house of such legislature on factors other than population, provided that the plan of such apportionment shall have been submitted to and approved by a vote of the electorate of that state.

“Sec. 2. Nothing in this Constitution shall restrict or limit a state in its determination of how membership of governing bodies of its subordinate units shall be apportioned.

“Sec. 3. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the Several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if Congress shall have proposed an amendment to the Constitution identical with that contained in this resolution prior to June 1, 1965, this application for a Convention shall no longer be of any force or effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each member of the Congress from the State of Minnesota.

Approved May 13, 1965.
