



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68

February 28, 2012 – Introduced by Senators T. CULLEN, SCHULTZ, CARPENTER, JAUCH, HOLPERIN, RISSER, TAYLOR, WIRCH, SHILLING, KING and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives HULSEY, TRANEL, BERNARD SCHABER, STASKUNAS, BERCEAU, TURNER, HEBL, POCAN, JORGENSEN, ROYS, DOYLE, POPE-ROBERTS and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Utilities, Commerce, and Government Operations.

1 **To renumber and amend** section 3 of article IV; and **to create** section 3 (1) of article
2 IV and section 3 (3) of article IV of the constitution; **relating to:** an independent
3 redistricting commission (first consideration).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This constitutional amendment, proposed to the 2011 legislature on first consideration, removes the responsibility to reapportion the legislature and redraw congressional districts from the legislature and assigns it to an independent redistricting commission to be created by law. The commission's plans must be submitted to the voters in a referendum. If the voters reject either plan, the supreme court must draw a legislative reapportionment plan and a congressional redistricting plan that will then become law. The independent redistricting commission would first be appointed for purposes of the 2021 redistricting.

A proposed constitutional amendment requires adoption by two successive legislatures, and ratification by the people, before it can become effective.

4 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***
5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 (1) of article IV of the constitution is created to read:
6 [Article IV] Section 3 (1) The legislature shall provide by law for the
7 establishment of an independent redistricting commission.

