

## HJR 34 -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Fitzwater

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 6 to 3.

Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment would create a four to one ratio of House districts to Senate districts with equal population districts and three House districts drawn within each Senate district. The existing criteria for redistricting and the number of Senators will remain unchanged. The number of House districts will be 136.

The amendment will go into effect January 1, 2030.

This resolution is similar to HJR 41 (2019).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow senate and representative districts to exactly overlap in a four to one ratio. Missouri currently has the fifth largest legislature even though it is around eighteenth in population size. Reduction in size will save pension funds and make operation of the legislature more efficient.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Fitzwater.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill provided written testimony.

Testifying against the bill was Arnie C. "Honest-Abe" Dienoff-State Public Advocant.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.