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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. **10**

Introduced by: Senators Olson (Ed), Gray, Hunhoff, and Koetzle and Representatives Heineman, Dennert, Pederson (Gordon), and Putnam at the request of the Constitutional Revision Commission

1   A JOINT RESOLUTION, To propose a constitutional amendment to provide for single-member

2   house districts in the Legislature.

3   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE

4   OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

5   Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to

6   Article III, section 5 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2

7   of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state

8   for approval.

9   Section 2. That Article III, section 5 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be

10   amended to read as follows:

11   § 5. The Legislature shall apportion its membership by dividing the state into as many

12   single-member, legislative districts as there are state senators. ~~House districts shall be~~

13   ~~established wholly within senatorial districts and shall be either single-member or dual-member~~

14   ~~districts as the Legislature shall determine.~~ <u>Each senate district shall contain two single-member</u>

15   <u>house districts.</u> Legislative districts shall consist of compact, contiguous territory and shall have

1   population as nearly equal as is practicable, based on the last preceding federal census. ~~An~~ This

2   apportionment shall be made by the Legislature in ~~1983 and in 1991,~~ 2011 and every ten years

3   ~~after 1991~~ thereafter. Such apportionment shall be accomplished by December first of the year

4   in which the apportionment is required. If any Legislature whose duty it is to make an

5   apportionment shall fail to make the same as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Supreme

6   Court within ninety days to make such apportionment.