

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003

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HOUSE DRH30166-LBx-197 (3/27)

Short Title: 121 House Members.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wood.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO EXPAND
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING ONE MEMBER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution reads
as rewritten:

"Sec. 4. Number of Representatives.

The House of Representatives shall be composed of ~~120~~121 Representatives,
biennially chosen by ballot.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution reads
as rewritten:

"Sec. 5. Representative districts; apportionment of Representatives.

The Representatives shall be elected from ~~districts~~districts, except for the elections
from 2004 through 2010, one member of the House of Representatives shall be elected
at large by the voters of the entire State. The General Assembly, at the first regular
session convening after the return of every decennial census of population taken by
order of Congress, shall revise the representative districts and the apportionment of
Representatives among those districts, subject to the following requirements:

(1) Each Representative shall represent, as nearly as may be, an equal number of
inhabitants, the number of inhabitants that each Representative represents being
determined for this purpose by dividing the population of the district that he represents
by the number of Representatives apportioned to that district;

(2) Each representative district shall at all times consist of contiguous territory;

(3) No county shall be divided in the formation of a representative district;

(4) When established, the representative districts and the apportionment of
Representatives shall remain unaltered until the return of another decennial census of
population taken by order of Congress.

