



Proposed Legislative Amendment on Redistricting Senate Size

Redistricting Senate Size

Amendment Purpose: 1967 Constitutional Convention Amendment: Establishes Senate Size at 60

Summary of Amendment:

- Increases the size of the Senate to 60 members from the present 57 but keeps the Assembly at 150, effective in 1972.

Article III

Legislature

Section 1. This article vests the legislative power of the state in the senate and the assembly. Upon the redistricting provided for by this article, **the senate is to consist of sixty members** and the assembly of one hundred fifty members, effective in 1972, to be elected for two year terms, from single member districts, in even-numbered years. Until such redistricting the present fifty-seven senate and one hundred fifty assembly districts are continued. Members of both houses of the legislature must be at least twenty-one years of age and be eligible voters and must have been domiciled in the state for three years preceding the election.

Legislative Amendment Text:

Article III

Legislature

Section 1. a. The legislative power shall be vested in the senate and assembly. **The senate shall consist of sixty members** and the assembly of one hundred fifty members who shall be elected from single member districts for two year terms at the general election held in even numbered years.

b. Notwithstanding subdivision a of this section, the existing senate and assembly districts are hereby continued until redistricted pursuant to section two of this article.

Legislative History:

In 1967, the New York State Constitutional Convention proposed a whole new Constitution that contained this provision and these changes to a vote of the people of the State of New York at the General Election asking "Shall the proposed new Constitution, adopted by the Constitutional Convention, and the Resolution submitting same, be approved?" The Constitution as a whole was voted down by the people, which included these changes.

Learn more on our page devoted to the [1967 Convention](#)^[1]. The Proceedings of the Convention are available from the [New York State Library](#)^[2] and you can [download a PDF copy of the Constitution](#)^[3] proposed by the 1967 Constitutional Convention.

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