



**SENATOR JOHN PIPPY
2007-2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
PRIME SPONSORED BILL SUMMARY**

SENATE BILL 248

This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reduce the size of the General Assembly.

The bill would reduce the number of senatorial districts from 50 to 40, and the number of representative districts from 203 to 161.

Like all bills that amend the Constitution, it must be passed in two consecutive sessions of the General Assembly. Following its second passage, the language of the bill must be publicized and approved by the electorate at the next election occurring at least three months after the second passage of the amendment by the General Assembly.

Originally introduced in the 2005-2006 Session, this bill was amended before being introduced again in the current Session to reflect input received at a public hearing of the Senate State Government Committee in August 2006. It is one of a number of bills that are designed to streamline state government in Pennsylvania.