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House Joint Resolution 4 (Delegate Reznik, *et al.*)

Rules and Executive Nominations

**United States Congress - Call to Congress and the President to Act on
Redistricting Reform**

This joint resolution requests that the U.S. Congress pass, and the President of the United States sign, comprehensive legislation that establishes uniform standards and procedures applicable to each state for the creation of the districts for the election of the members of the U.S. Congress.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Article V of the U.S. Constitution states that Congress may propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution with votes of two-thirds of both Houses. States can also apply to Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments, upon application of two-thirds of the states. Amendments in either case must be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states or by conventions in three-fourths of the states “as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress.”

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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