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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1397**

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Sponsors: Representatives Luebke; McCrary, Jeffus, Braswell, and Fitch.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 13, 1993

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2 A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
3 COMMISSION TO STUDY ALTERNATE ELECTION SYSTEMS, SUCH AS  
4 MULTIMEMBER/PROPORTIONAL ELECTION METHODS.

5       Whereas, the current winner-take-all electoral system can cause a lack of  
6 confidence among unrepresented groups; and

7       Whereas, creating districting systems as a solution to the problem can cause  
8 political isolation of groups districted, create districts that are hard to understand and  
9 administer, and can cause a lack of confidence in the political system by many voters  
10 even as it solves underrepresentation of minority groups; and

11       Whereas, alternate electoral systems exist which can allow representation of  
12 political minorities without creating hard to administer and understand districting plans;  
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14       Whereas, such systems include multimember/proportional election methods;  
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16       Whereas, multimember/proportional election methods avoid the racial  
17 separation and divisiveness inherent in traditional "winner-take-all" election methods;  
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19       Whereas, limited voting, cumulative voting, and the single-transferable vote  
20 have been used extensively to assure fair minority representation; and

21       Whereas, it may be desirable to give cities, counties, and school boards the  
22 option of choosing these alternative election systems, but such alternates need to be well  
23 thought through, including compatibility with existing partisan and nonpartisan  
24 elections, and designing ballots that themselves do not become too complicated;

25 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

26       Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study alternative  
27 methods of conducting and determining the results of elections.

28       Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.