

A Model of Endogenous Apportionment

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This paper develops a model of endogenous apportionment. A constitutional committee determines the voting weights of states. The weights are applied in subsequent social decisions. Each member of the committee seeks to maximize the probability that the subsequent decisions match the will of citizens in his state. Degressively proportional apportionment may emerge even when the states are initially endowed with proportional weights in the committee.