

HOUSE BILL 50

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By: **Delegates Haddaway–Ricchio, Eckardt, Hershey, Jacobs, and Smigiel**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legislative Districting – Resident Delegate for Each County**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an advisory committee established by the Governor after
4 a decennial census to formulate a legislative districting plan for the election of
5 members of the General Assembly that, to the greatest extent practicable,
6 draws the lines for the districts so that each county in the State has at least one
7 resident delegate; and generally relating to legislative districting and a resident
8 delegate for each county.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – State Government
11 Section 2–203
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – State Government**

17 **2–203.**

18 **AFTER A DECENNIAL CENSUS, ON ESTABLISHMENT BY THE GOVERNOR OF**
19 **AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING PLAN**
20 **FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE ADVISORY**
21 **COMMITTEE SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE, DRAW THE LINES**
22 **FOR THE DISTRICTS SO THAT EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE HAS AT LEAST ONE**
23 **RESIDENT DELEGATE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2011.