

HOUSE BILL 1176

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Constitution – Congressional Districts – Requirements as to**
3 **Territory, Form, and Boundaries**

4 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to specify
5 that the districts for the election of members of the Congress of the United
6 States shall conform to certain requirements as to territory, form, natural
7 boundaries, and political subdivision boundaries; and submitting this
8 amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

9 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
10 Article XV – Miscellaneous
11 Section 12

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
14 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

15 **Article XV – Miscellaneous**

16 **12.**

17 **IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE**
18 **UNITED STATES AND FEDERAL LAW, EACH DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF A**
19 **MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL CONSIST OF**
20 **ADJOINING TERRITORY, BE COMPACT IN FORM, AND ENSURE THAT DUE REGARD**
21 **IS GIVEN TO NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF POLITICAL**
22 **SUBDIVISIONS.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
24 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the
2 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
3 apply.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
5 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
6 qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2014
7 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution.
8 At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution
9 shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words “For the
10 Constitutional Amendment” and “Against the Constitutional Amendment,” as now
11 provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the
12 Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article
13 XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with
14 Article XIV.