

HOUSE BILL 921

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: Delegate Parrott

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2015

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **House Legislative Districts – Single Member**

3 FOR the purpose of amending a certain provision of the Maryland Constitution for the
4 purpose of altering the number of delegates in each House legislative district;
5 making conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters
6 of the State for their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution

8 Article III – Legislative Department

9 Section 3

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

13 **Article III – Legislative Department**

14 3.

15 The State shall be divided by law into legislative districts for the election of members
16 of the Senate and the House of Delegates. Each **SENATE** legislative district shall contain
17 one (1) Senator and **EACH HOUSE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT SHALL CONTAIN [three (3)
18 Delegates] ONE (1) DELEGATE.** [Nothing herein shall prohibit the subdivision of any one
19 or more of the legislative districts for the purpose of electing members of the House of
20 Delegates into three (3) single-member delegate districts or one (1) single-member
21 delegate district and one (1) multi-member delegate district.]

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That the aforesgoing section
4 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
5 qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2016 for
6 their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that
7 general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by
8 ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional
9 Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law.
10 Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and
11 against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution,
12 and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.