

HOUSE BILL 44

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **The Speaker (By Request – Administration) and Delegates Adams, Anderton, Arentz, Buckel, Cassilly, Chisholm, Ciliberti, Clark, Corderman, Cox, Ghrist, Grammer, Hartman, Hornberger, Howard, Jacobs, Kipke, Kittleman, Krebs, Long, Malone, Mautz, McComas, McKay, Metzgar, Morgan, Otto, Parrott, Pippy, Reilly, Rose, Saab, Shoemaker, Szeliga, and Wivell**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require
4 single-member delegate districts; altering certain standards for the drawing of
5 legislative districts; proposing a new article to the Maryland Constitution to
6 establish standards for the drawing of congressional districts; establishing a
7 Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission as an
8 independent unit of State government consisting of certain members; requiring the
9 Redistricting Commission to divide the State into certain legislative districts and
10 congressional districts; requiring legislative districts and congressional districts to
11 meet a certain standard for population size; providing for the duties of the
12 Redistricting Commission; requiring the presiding officers of the General Assembly
13 to introduce certain redistricting plans in a certain manner for consideration by the
14 General Assembly; requiring the Governor, if necessary, to convene a special session
15 of the General Assembly to consider certain redistricting plans; requiring the
16 General Assembly to consider only the certified legislative districts plan and the
17 certified congressional districts plan during a certain special session; prohibiting the
18 General Assembly from considering certain legislation during a certain special
19 session; requiring the presiding officers to introduce certain certified redistricting
20 plans on certain days during certain types of sessions of the General Assembly;
21 prohibiting members of the General Assembly from introducing bills proposing
22 certain plans; prohibiting certain plans from being amended except under certain
23 circumstances; requiring certain plans to be passed by a certain number of votes of
24 the members of each House of the General Assembly by a specified day of the session;
25 requiring certain plans passed by the General Assembly to be presented to the
26 Governor within a certain number of days; requiring the presiding officers to, within

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 a certain number of days, provide to the Redistricting Commission a certain notice
2 and certain information and to request an alternative plan under certain
3 circumstances; requiring the Redistricting Commission to review a certain plan and
4 consider certain information on receipt of a certain notice; requiring the Redistricting
5 Commission to take certain actions within a certain number of days after receiving
6 a certain notice; requiring the presiding officers to prepare certain changes as an
7 amendment to a certain plan; requiring a certain amendment to pass by a certain
8 number of votes; providing for the reconsideration of certain plans under certain
9 circumstances; requiring a vote on a certain plan within a certain number of days;
10 requiring the extension of a legislative session under certain circumstances;
11 requiring that a certain plan and amendment be considered as not passed under
12 certain circumstances; requiring the presentment of a certain plan to the Governor
13 within a certain period of time; requiring the Governor to sign or veto a certain plan
14 within a certain number of days; prohibiting a certain plan from being enacted over
15 the veto of the Governor; providing that a certain plan becomes law under certain
16 circumstances; providing for the effective date of a certain plan under certain
17 circumstances; requiring the Court of Appeals to adopt a certain plan under certain
18 circumstances; requiring the Redistricting Commission to be the representative of
19 the State in certain proceedings; providing that the Court of Appeals has original
20 jurisdiction to establish a certain plan or consider a certain petition; altering the
21 cases with respect to which the Attorney General has the authority to prosecute and
22 defend the State; defining a certain term; and submitting this amendment to the
23 qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

24 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution

25 Article III – Legislative Department

26 Section 3 and 4

27 BY proposing a repeal of the Maryland Constitution

28 Article III – Legislative Department

29 Section 5

30 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution

31 Article IV – Judiciary Department

32 Section 14

33 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution

34 Article V – Attorney–General and State’s Attorneys

35 Section 3

36 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution

37 New Article XX – Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment

38 Section 1 and 2

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

1 his plan prior to the regular session. The plan shall conform to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this
 2 Article. Following each decennial census the General Assembly may by joint resolution
 3 adopt a plan setting forth the boundaries of the legislative districts for the election of
 4 members of the Senate and the House of Delegates, which plan shall conform to Sections
 5 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. If a plan has been adopted by the General Assembly by the 45th
 6 day after the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in the second year
 7 following every census, the plan adopted by the General Assembly shall become law. If no
 8 plan has been adopted by the General Assembly for these purposes by the 45th day after
 9 the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in the second year following
 10 every census, the Governor's plan presented to the General Assembly shall become law.

11 Upon petition of any registered voter, the Court of Appeals shall have original
 12 jurisdiction to review the legislative districting of the State and may grant appropriate
 13 relief, if it finds that the districting of the State is not consistent with requirements of either
 14 the Constitution of the United States of America, or the Constitution of Maryland.]

15 **Article IV – Judiciary Department**

16 14.

17 The Court of Appeals shall be composed of seven judges, one from the First Appellate
 18 Judicial Circuit consisting of Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset,
 19 Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties; one from the Second Appellate Judicial Circuit
 20 consisting of Baltimore and Harford Counties; one from the Third Appellate Judicial
 21 Circuit, consisting of Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, and Washington
 22 Counties; one from the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Prince George's
 23 County; one from the Fifth Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Anne Arundel, Calvert,
 24 Charles, and St. Mary's Counties; one from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting
 25 of Baltimore City; and one from the Seventh Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of
 26 Montgomery County. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be residents of their
 27 respective Appellate Judicial Circuits. The term of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall
 28 begin on the date of his qualification. One of the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be
 29 designated by the Governor as the Chief Judge. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals
 30 shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State and such as now is or may hereafter be
 31 prescribed by law. **EXCLUSIVE AMONG THE STATE COURTS, THE COURT OF APPEALS**
 32 **SHALL HAVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION: (1) TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE**
 33 **DISTRICTS PLAN AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN IN THE EVENT THAT A**
 34 **PLAN IS NOT ENACTED UNDER ARTICLE XX, SECTION 2 OF THIS CONSTITUTION;**
 35 **AND (2) TO CONSIDER A PETITION SEEKING REVIEW OF THE LEGALITY OF A PLAN TO**
 36 **ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ENACTED UNDER**
 37 **ARTICLE XX, SECTION 2 OF THIS CONSTITUTION.** It shall hold its sessions in the City
 38 of Annapolis at such time or times as it shall from time to time by rule prescribe. Its session
 39 or sessions shall continue not less than ten months in each year, if the business before it
 40 shall so require, and it shall be competent for the judges temporarily to transfer their
 41 sittings elsewhere upon sufficient cause. The salary of each Judge of the Court of Appeals
 42 shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by the General Assembly and shall not be

1 diminished during his continuance in office. Five of the judges shall constitute a quorum,
2 and five judges shall sit in each case unless the Court shall direct that an additional judge
3 or judges sit for any case. The concurrence of a majority of those sitting shall be sufficient
4 for the decision of any cause, and an equal division of those sitting in a case has the effect
5 of affirming the decision appealed from if there is no application for reargument as
6 hereinafter provided. In any case where there is an equal division or a three to two division
7 of the Court a reargument before the full Court of seven judges shall be granted to the
8 losing party upon application as a matter of right.

9 **Article V – Attorney–General and State’s Attorneys**

10 3.

11 (a) The Attorney General shall:

12 (1) **[Prosecute] EXCEPT FOR PROCEEDINGS TO ESTABLISH THE**
13 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN IN THE**
14 **EVENT THAT A PLAN IS NOT ENACTED UNDER ARTICLE XX, SECTION 2 OF THIS**
15 **CONSTITUTION OR A PETITION SEEKING REVIEW OF THE LEGALITY OF A PLAN TO**
16 **ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS ENACTED**
17 **UNDER ARTICLE XX, SECTION 2 OF THIS CONSTITUTION, PROSECUTE** and defend on
18 the part of the State all cases pending in the appellate courts of the State, in the Supreme
19 Court of the United States or the inferior Federal Courts, by or against the State, or in
20 which the State may be interested, except those criminal appeals otherwise prescribed by
21 the General Assembly.

22 (2) Investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any civil or criminal
23 suit or action or category of such suits or actions in any of the Federal Courts or in any
24 Court of this State, or before administrative agencies and quasi legislative bodies, on the
25 part of the State or in which the State may be interested, which the General Assembly by
26 law or joint resolution, or the Governor, shall have directed or shall direct to be
27 investigated, commenced and prosecuted or defended.

28 (3) When required by the General Assembly by law or joint resolution, or
29 by the Governor, aid any State’s Attorney or other authorized prosecuting officer in
30 investigating, commencing, and prosecuting any criminal suit or action or category of such
31 suits or actions brought by the State in any Court of this State.

32 (4) Give his opinion in writing whenever required by the General Assembly
33 or either branch thereof, the Governor, the Comptroller, the Treasurer or any State’s
34 Attorney on any legal matter or subject.

35 (b) The Attorney General shall have and perform any other duties and possess
36 any other powers, and appoint the number of deputies or assistants, as the General
37 Assembly from time to time may prescribe by law.

1 (c) The Attorney General shall receive for his services the annual salary as the
2 General Assembly from time to time may prescribe by law, but he may not receive any fees,
3 perquisites or rewards whatever, in addition to his salary, for the performance of any
4 official duty.

5 (d) The Governor may not employ any additional counsel, in any case whatever,
6 unless authorized by the General Assembly.

7 **ARTICLE XX – LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AND**
8 **APPORTIONMENT**

9 **1.**

10 **EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

11 (1) **SHALL RESPECT NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE GEOGRAPHIC**
12 **INTEGRITY AND CONTINUITY OF ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY, OR**
13 **OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;**

14 (2) **SHALL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY COMPACT AND INCLUDE NEARBY**
15 **AREAS OF POPULATION TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;**

16 (3) **MAY NOT ACCOUNT FOR HOW INDIVIDUALS ARE REGISTERED TO**
17 **VOTE, HOW INDIVIDUALS VOTED IN THE PAST, OR THE POLITICAL PARTY TO WHICH**
18 **INDIVIDUALS BELONG; AND**

19 (4) **MAY NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE DOMICILE OR RESIDENCE OF ANY**
20 **INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING AN INCUMBENT OFFICEHOLDER OR A POTENTIAL**
21 **CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE.**

22 **2.**

23 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “REDISTRICTING COMMISSION” MEANS THE**
24 **LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT**
25 **COMMISSION.**

26 (B) **THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND ANY LAWS ENACTED TO CARRY**
27 **OUT THIS SECTION ARE THE EXCLUSIVE MEANS TO ADOPT ANY PLAN TO ALTER**
28 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.**

29 (C) (1) **THERE IS A LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**
30 **AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION.**

31 (2) **THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT OF**

1 STATE GOVERNMENT, ESTABLISHED BY LAW, CONSISTING OF MEMBERS WHO ARE
2 IMPARTIAL AND REASONABLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S GEOGRAPHICAL,
3 RACIAL, AND GENDER MAKEUP.

4 (D) IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING EACH DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED
5 STATES, THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL:

6 (1) DIVIDE THE STATE INTO CONSECUTIVELY NUMBERED
7 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THAT CONFORM TO ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 2, 3, AND 4 OF
8 THIS CONSTITUTION; AND

9 (2) DIVIDE THE STATE INTO AS MANY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AS
10 THERE ARE REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS APPORTIONED TO THE STATE THAT
11 CONFORM TO SECTION 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

12 (E) (1) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS SHALL BE AS NEARLY EQUAL IN
13 POPULATION AS PRACTICABLE, BUT MAY NOT DEVIATE MORE THAN 2% IN
14 POPULATION BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

15 (2) EACH DELEGATE DISTRICT SHALL BE AS NEARLY EQUAL IN
16 POPULATION AS PRACTICABLE, BUT MAY NOT DEVIATE MORE THAN 2% IN
17 POPULATION BETWEEN THE OTHER DELEGATE DISTRICTS IN THE LEGISLATIVE
18 DISTRICT.

19 (F) THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL:

20 (1) ADOPT ONE PLAN FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS AND ONE PLAN
21 FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS;

22 (2) CERTIFY THAT EACH PLAN IS THE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE
23 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION; AND

24 (3) SEND EACH CERTIFIED PLAN TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF
25 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

26 (G) ON RECEIPT OF THE CERTIFIED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN AND THE
27 CERTIFIED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN FROM THE REDISTRICTING
28 COMMISSION, THE PRESIDING OFFICERS SHALL INTRODUCE EACH PLAN
29 SEPARATELY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

30 (H) (1) UNLESS THE GOVERNOR FINDS THAT A SPECIAL SESSION IS NOT
31 REQUIRED, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ISSUE A PROCLAMATION CONVENING A SPECIAL
32 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER THE PLANS REQUIRED TO BE

1 INTRODUCED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (2) DURING A SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED UNDER THIS
3 SUBSECTION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

4 (I) SHALL CONSIDER ONLY THE CERTIFIED LEGISLATIVE
5 DISTRICTS PLAN AND THE CERTIFIED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND ANY
6 AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (N) OF THIS
7 SECTION; AND

8 (II) MAY NOT CONSIDER ANY LEGISLATION, INCLUDING BILLS
9 THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED.

10 (I) THE PRESIDING OFFICERS SHALL INTRODUCE THE CERTIFIED
11 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN AND THE CERTIFIED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
12 PLAN AT THE FOLLOWING TIME:

13 (1) IF THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION, ON
14 THE FIRST DAY OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE YEAR
15 ENDING IN THE NUMBER 2; OR

16 (2) IF THE GOVERNOR CONVENES A SPECIAL SESSION, ON THE FIRST
17 DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION.

18 (J) EXCEPT FOR THE PLANS REQUIRED TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE
19 PRESIDING OFFICERS UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER OF THE
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT INTRODUCE A BILL PROPOSING A PLAN FOR
21 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

22 (K) EXCEPT FOR AN AMENDMENT PREPARED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS
23 UNDER SUBSECTION (N) OF THIS SECTION, A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR A
24 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN MAY NOT BE AMENDED.

25 (L) (1) (I) DURING A REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
26 EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PASS A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
27 PLAN AND A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN BY A VOTE OF THREE-FIFTHS OF THE
28 MEMBERS ELECTED TO THAT HOUSE BY THE 45TH DAY AFTER THE OPENING OF THE
29 REGULAR SESSION.

30 (II) DURING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
31 EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PASS A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
32 PLAN AND A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN BY A VOTE OF THREE-FIFTHS OF THE
33 MEMBERS ELECTED TO THAT HOUSE BY THE 15TH DAY AFTER THE OPENING OF THE

1 SPECIAL SESSION.

2 (2) THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN AND CONGRESSIONAL
3 DISTRICTS PLAN PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND THE SENATE SHALL
4 BE PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPROVAL WITHIN 1 DAY AFTER PASSAGE.

5 (M) (1) IF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL
6 DISTRICTS PLAN DOES NOT PASS BY THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (L)(1) OF THIS SECTION, OR THE GOVERNOR VETOES THE LEGISLATIVE
8 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN UNDER SUBSECTION (P)
9 OF THIS SECTION, THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL,
10 WITHIN 3 DAYS:

11 (I) NOTIFY THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION THAT THE
12 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN DID NOT
13 PASS OR WAS VETOED;

14 (II) SEND THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION THE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CHANGES TO THE
16 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND THE
17 GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS, IF ANY; AND

18 (III) REQUEST THAT THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
19 PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN.

20 (2) (I) ON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE FROM THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE REDISTRICTING
22 COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE
23 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
24 CHANGES TO A PLAN FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE OBJECTIONS OF THE
25 GOVERNOR, IF ANY.

26 (II) THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL SEND THE
27 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN,
28 INCLUDING ANY CHANGES APPROVED BY THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, TO THE
29 PRESIDING OFFICERS WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTIFICATION OF
30 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

31 (N) (1) WITHIN 3 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
32 PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN FROM THE REDISTRICTING
33 COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (M)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE PRESIDING
34 OFFICERS SHALL PREPARE ANY CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE REDISTRICTING
35 COMMISSION AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE

1 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN.

2 (2) (I) IN ORDER FOR AN AMENDMENT PREPARED UNDER
3 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO BE PASSED, THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE
4 PASSED BY A VOTE OF THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE.

5 (II) IF AN AMENDMENT IS NOT PASSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH
6 (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE
7 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS NOT PASSED.

8 (III) AFTER AN AMENDMENT IS PASSED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH
9 (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IN ORDER TO BECOME LAW, EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY SHALL PASS THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL
11 DISTRICTS PLAN, AS AMENDED, BY A VOTE OF THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS
12 ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE.

13 (3) IF THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SENDS THE LEGISLATIVE
14 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN TO THE PRESIDING
15 OFFICERS WITH NO CHANGES UNDER SUBSECTION (M)(2)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE
16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL:

17 (I) RECONSIDER THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE
18 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN; AND

19 (II) IN ORDER TO BECOME LAW, PASS THE PLAN BY A VOTE OF
20 THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE.

21 (4) EXCEPT FOR AN AMENDMENT PREPARED BY THE PRESIDING
22 OFFICERS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LEGISLATIVE
23 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND AN AMENDMENT
24 MAY NOT BE AMENDED.

25 (5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL VOTE ON THE LEGISLATIVE
26 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND ANY AMENDMENT
27 WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE OFFERING OF THE AMENDMENT.

28 (6) A REGULAR SESSION OR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY SHALL BE EXTENDED, IF NEEDED, TO ALLOW FOR CONSIDERATION OF
30 THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND
31 ANY AMENDMENT IN THE TIME SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

32 (7) IF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL
33 DISTRICTS PLAN AND AMENDMENT DO NOT RECEIVE A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS OF

1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH UNDER
2 PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE
3 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN AND AMENDMENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS NOT
4 PASSED.

5 (O) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PRESENT THE LEGISLATIVE
6 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN PASSED UNDER THIS
7 SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR WITHIN 1 DAY AFTER PASSAGE.

8 (P) (1) (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL SIGN OR VETO THE LEGISLATIVE
9 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN WITHIN 6 DAYS AFTER
10 PRESENTMENT.

11 (II) A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR A CONGRESSIONAL
12 DISTRICTS PLAN PASSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE ENACTED OVER THE
13 VETO OF THE GOVERNOR UNDER ARTICLE II, SECTION 17(D) OF THIS
14 CONSTITUTION.

15 (2) IF THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT SIGN OR VETO A PLAN WITHIN 6
16 DAYS AFTER PRESENTMENT, THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE
17 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN SHALL BE A LAW IN LIKE MANNER AS IF SIGNED
18 BY THE GOVERNOR.

19 (Q) A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN
20 ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE:

21 (1) ON THE DATE THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE PLAN;

22 (2) IF THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT SIGN OR VETO THE PLAN, ON THE
23 SIXTH DAY AFTER PRESENTMENT TO THE GOVERNOR; OR

24 (3) IF THERE IS A PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE LEGISLATIVE
25 DISTRICTS PLAN OR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN IN THE COURT OF
26 APPEALS UNDER ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14 OF THIS CONSTITUTION, ON THE DATE
27 ORDERED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS.

28 (R) AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14 OF THIS CONSTITUTION, THE
29 COURT OF APPEALS SHALL ADOPT A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR
30 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN IF:

31 (1) THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FAILS TO APPROVE A
32 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS PLAN OR A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS PLAN;

1 **(2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT PASS A PLAN UNDER THIS**
2 **SECTION; OR**

3 **(3) THE GOVERNOR VETOES A PLAN PASSED UNDER SUBSECTION (N)**
4 **OF THIS SECTION.**

5 **(S) THE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION SHALL BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF**
6 **THE STATE:**

7 **(1) IN A PROCEEDING UNDER SUBSECTION (R) OF THIS SECTION; OR**

8 **(2) IN A PETITION TO REVIEW THE LEGALITY OF A PLAN UNDER**
9 **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14 OF THIS CONSTITUTION.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
11 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this
12 Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland
13 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to the
15 Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the qualified
16 voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2020 for adoption or
17 rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election,
18 the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and on each
19 ballot there shall be printed the words “For the Constitutional Amendment” and “Against
20 the Constitutional Amendment”, as now provided by law. Immediately after the election,
21 all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed
22 amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further
23 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.