

1 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Maryland currently provides that each State
 2 legislative district contain one senator and three delegates, and that the delegate
 3 districts may be subdivided into three single-member districts or one single-member
 4 district and one two-member district; and

5 WHEREAS, Currently in Maryland, in 34 of the 47 State legislative districts the
 6 three members of the House of Delegates of those districts are elected at-large; in 10
 7 legislative districts, the House members are elected from a combination of
 8 single-member districts and two-member districts; and in only three of those
 9 legislative districts are the House members subdivided into three single-member
 10 districts; and

11 WHEREAS, Some 38 states currently have only single-member state legislative
 12 districts; and

13 WHEREAS, The year 2000 census is near and, subsequent to the census, the
 14 General Assembly must redistrict the State legislature for the year 2002 elections;
 15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That there shall
 17 be a Commission to Study Single-Member Legislative Districting for the General
 18 Assembly to assess the feasibility and desirability of proposing that the voters of the
 19 State consider a Constitutional amendment instituting a system of single-member
 20 legislative districts for the General Assembly; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Commission be composed of the following 11 members:

22 (1) ~~Three~~ Six members of the House of Delegates of Maryland, appointed
 23 by the Speaker of the House, with ~~one~~ two of the appointees being ~~a member~~ members
 24 of the minority party designated by the Minority Leader;

25 ~~(2) Three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the~~
 26 ~~President, with one of the appointees being a member of the minority party~~
 27 ~~designated by the Minority Leader; and~~

28 ~~(3)~~ (2) Five members appointed by the Governor, reflecting a broad
 29 spectrum of individuals from government, the academic community, public interest
 30 groups, and the general public from throughout the State who possess interest and
 31 knowledge about civic issues; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate
 33 each shall designate a co-chairman the Chairman of the Commission; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Department of Legislative Services provide staff for the
 35 Commission; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the members of the Commission serve without compensation,
 37 but may be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with the Standard State Travel
 38 Regulations; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Commission report its findings and recommendations to
2 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to
3 the General Assembly by December 1, 1999; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
6 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
7 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.