

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Joint Resolution 23 (Senators Stone and Della)  
Redistricting

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**Legislative Districting Plan of 2002**

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This bill establishes 47 legislative districts for statewide elections in Maryland.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The State Board of Elections could make the required changes to its database and published materials using existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** Local boards of elections will have to adjust precinct boundaries; however, it is anticipated that the FY 2003 budgets of local election boards will contain funding for this activity.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Background:** State legislative district boundaries are required under the Maryland Constitution and federal case law to be redrawn every ten years after the decennial census, to adjust for population changes. 2000 census results for the State of Maryland indicate a total population of 5,296,486 persons. The Maryland Constitution provides for 47 legislative districts. Thus, the ideal population for each district is 112,691. The Governor's Legislative Districting Plan (HJ 3/SJ 3) became effective on February 22, 2002 for purpose of the 2002 statewide elections.

**Current Law:** Article III of the Maryland Constitution requires the Governor to submit a joint resolution outlining new State legislative districts in the second year following

each census. The plan will become effective on the forty-fifth day of session unless the General Assembly passes an alternative plan before that time.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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