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Constitutional Amendment

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legislative Districting - Resident Delegates by County**

3 FOR the purpose of amending the Constitution of Maryland to ensure that legislative  
4 districting will, to the greatest extent practicable, result in a resident delegate  
5 from every county; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the  
6 State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland  
8 Article III - Legislative Department  
9 Section 4

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

13 **Article III - Legislative Department**

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15 Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form,  
16 and of substantially equal population. Due regard shall be given to natural  
17 boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions AND, TO THE GREATEST  
18 EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THAT EVERY COUNTY HAS A RESIDENT DELEGATE.

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

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section  
24 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the  
25 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in  
26 November, 2004 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in  
27 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this  
28 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot  
29 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against

1 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the  
2 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the  
3 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further  
4 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.