SENATE BILL 622 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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	Senator Astle oduced and read first time: February 7, 2003	
	igned to: Rules	
	e-referred to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs, February 12, 2003	
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Rea	d second time: March 17, 2003	
	CHAPTER	
1	AN ACT concerning	
2	Municipal Corporations - Classification - Capital City - Seat of Government	
3	- City of Annapolis	
	FOR the purpose of establishing an additional classification of municipal corporations	
5	consisting of the Capital City adding a new article to the Constitution to	
6 7	establish that the capital city and seat of government of the State shall be the City of Annapolis; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the	
8	State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.	
9	BY proposing an amendment addition to the Constitution of Maryland	
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11	Section 2	
12	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF	
13	MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses	
14	concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:	
15	Article XI-E - Municipal Corporations XIX - CAPITAL CITY	
16	2.	
17	(A) The General Assembly, by law, shall classify all such municipal	
18	corporations by grouping them into not more than four classes based on population as	
	determined by the most recent census made under the authority of the United States	
	or the State of Maryland. No more than one such grouping of municipal corporations	
21	into four (or favor) classes shall be in affect at any time, and the enactment of any	

- 1 such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes shall repeal any
- 2 such grouping of municipal corporations into four (or fewer) classes then in effect.
- 3 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS
- 4 PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THERE SHALL BE A CLASS OF
- 5 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS CONSISTING OF THE CAPITAL CITY, WHICH IS
- 6 ANNAPOLIS.
- 7 (C) Municipal corporations shall be classified only as provided in this section
- 8 and not otherwise.
- 9 THE CAPITAL CITY AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THIS STATE SHALL BE THE
- 10 CITY OF ANNAPOLIS.
- 11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
- 12 determines that the amendment to the Constitution of Maryland proposed by this Act
- 13 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 1 of the
- 14 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.
- 15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the aforegoing section
- 16 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland shall be submitted to the
- 17 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
- 18 November, 2004 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
- 19 Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this
- 20 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot
- 21 there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against
- 22 the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the
- 23 election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the
- 24 proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further
- 25 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.