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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Congressional Districting Process**

3 FOR the purpose of providing a process for the establishment of congressional
4 districts in Maryland for the electing of members of Congress; establishing
5 criteria to be used in creating congressional districts; directing that public
6 hearings be held at certain times for certain purposes; establishing the
7 responsibilities of the Department of Legislative Services regarding
8 congressional districting; directing the Department to hold certain hearings in
9 accordance with specific criteria and to prepare certain congressional districting
10 plans at specified times; establishing the process by which the General
11 Assembly shall consider and act on congressional districting legislation in a
12 regular or special session; directing when a special session is required for
13 congressional districting; creating a temporary Redistricting Advisory
14 Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission and the
15 qualifications of its members; providing for the functions of the Commission;
16 and generally relating to the establishment of districts in Maryland for the
17 election of members of Congress.

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Election Law
20 Section 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-07 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle
21 6A. Congressional Districting Process"
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Election Law**

2 SUBTITLE 6A. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PROCESS.

3 8-6A-01.

4 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
5 INDICATED.6 (B) "COMMISSION" MEANS A TEMPORARY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY
7 COMMISSION.8 (C) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE
9 SERVICES.

10 8-6A-02.

11 (A) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IN THE YEAR
12 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DECENNIAL UNITED STATES CENSUS, THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL:14 (I) OBTAIN THE CENSUS DATA FROM THE UNITED STATES BUREAU
15 OF THE CENSUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 94-171; AND16 (II) USE THE DATA TO PREPARE A DISTRICTING PLAN FOR
17 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AS REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION.18 (2) THE DISTRICTING PLAN SHALL BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR
19 INTRODUCTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF ITS REGULAR
20 SESSION IN THE SECOND YEAR FOLLOWING THE U.S. CENSUS.21 (3) WHEN THE SECOND YEAR FOLLOWING A U.S. CENSUS IS A
22 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR, THE PLAN SHALL BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR
23 INTRODUCTION AT A SPECIAL SESSION IN THE EVENT A SPECIAL SESSION IS CALLED
24 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN.25 (B) (1) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS
26 OF POPULATION. EACH DISTRICT SHALL HAVE A POPULATION AS NEARLY EQUAL AS
27 PRACTICABLE TO THE IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION, DERIVED BY DIVIDING THE
28 POPULATION OF THE STATE AS DETERMINED BY THE U.S. CENSUS BY THE NUMBER
29 OF DISTRICTS IN THE STATE AS APPORTIONED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.30 (2) (I) NO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL BE DRAWN FOR THE
31 PURPOSE OF FAVORING A POLITICAL PARTY, ELECTED OFFICIAL, OR OTHER PERSON
32 OR GROUP, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING OR DILUTING THE VOTING
33 STRENGTH OF A LANGUAGE OR RACIAL MINORITY GROUP.34 (II) IN ESTABLISHING DISTRICTS, NO USE SHALL BE MADE OF
35 ADDRESSES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OF REGISTERED
36 VOTERS, PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS, POLLING DATA, PROPOSED REDISTRICTING

1 MAPS PREPARED BY PERSONS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, OTHER THAN
3 POPULATION HEAD COUNTS, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS
4 OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 (C) (1) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SHALL BE COMPACT IN FORM AND
6 CONSIST OF ADJOINING TERRITORY.

7 (2) THE CHESAPEAKE BAY MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A BARRIER
8 TO CONTIGUITY.

9 (3) AREAS WHICH MEET ONLY AT THE POINTS OF ADJOINING CORNERS
10 ARE NOT CONTIGUOUS.

11 (4) WHERE PRACTICABLE, DUE REGARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE
12 BOUNDARIES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AND
13 INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CITIZENS DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS.

14 8-6A-03.

15 (A) THERE IS A TEMPORARY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION.

16 (B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS.

17 (2) BY FEBRUARY 1 OF THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING THE U.S. CENSUS,
18 EIGHT MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

19 (I) FOUR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

20 (II) TWO APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

21 (III) TWO APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
22 DELEGATES.

23 (3) COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SHALL REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHICAL,
24 GENDER, AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF THE MARYLAND POPULATION; AND AT LEAST
25 THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE DOMINATE
26 MINORITY PARTY.

27 (4) (I) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEMPORARY
28 REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION, BUT NO LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF THAT
29 YEAR, THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL SELECT, BY VOTE OF AT LEAST FIVE OF
30 THE MEMBERS, THE NINTH COMMISSION MEMBER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR.

31 (II) IF THE COMMISSION IS UNABLE TO SELECT THE NINTH
32 MEMBER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

33 (5) A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE
34 GOVERNOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDING OFFICERS WITHIN 15 DAYS
35 AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.

1 (6) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE APPOINTED TO OR SERVE ON THE
2 COMMISSION IF THE INDIVIDUAL HOLDS AN ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE OFFICE IN
3 THE EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL
4 GOVERNMENT, OR A POLITICAL PARTY OFFICE, OR IS A REGISTERED LOBBYIST, OR IS
5 A RELATIVE BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE OF, OR IS EMPLOYED BY, A PERSON WHO HOLDS
6 AN ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE OFFICE IN THE EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
7 OF A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A POLITICAL PARTY OFFICE, OR
8 A REGISTERED LOBBYIST.

9 (7) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, OR A RELATIVE OF A MEMBER OF
10 THE COMMISSION, MAY NOT HOLD A STATE OR FEDERAL ELECTIVE OR APPOINTED
11 OFFICE, OR BE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST, FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS FROM THE DATE
12 THE LEGISLATION CREATING THE NEW DISTRICTS IS SIGNED INTO LAW.

13 (8) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RECEIVE A SALARY BUT
14 ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE
15 STANDARD TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

16 8-6A-04.

17 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

18 (1) DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIRED BY §
19 8-6A-05 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

20 (2) CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS; AND

21 (3) ON RECEIVING A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON ANY ISSUE
23 FOR WHICH THERE IS NO CLEAR APPLICABLE GUIDELINE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS
24 OF A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN AS PROVIDED IN § 8-6A-02 OF THIS
25 SUBTITLE.

26 8-6A-05.

27 (A) THERE SHALL BE TWO ROUNDS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO OBTAIN CITIZEN
28 INPUT FOR THE DISTRICTING PROCESS.

29 (B) BEFORE BEGINNING WORK ON NEW DISTRICT MAPS, AND BETWEEN APRIL
30 16 AND MAY 31 OF THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING THE U.S. CENSUS, TWELVE PUBLIC
31 MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS ACROSS THE
32 STATE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THE ADVANTAGES
33 AND DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING DISTRICT LINES, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION
34 CITIZENS BELIEVE USEFUL IN DEVELOPING NEW DISTRICT MAPS.

35 (C) AFTER DEVELOPING PRELIMINARY DISTRICT MAPS, BETWEEN
36 SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 31 OF THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING THE U.S. CENSUS,
37 TWELVE PUBLIC MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
38 ACROSS THE STATE TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THE
39 PRELIMINARY DISTRICTING MAPS.

1 (D) PUBLIC MEETINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE COMMISSION IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

3 (E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE
4 PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING, THE PURPOSE, LOCATION, DATE, TIME, THE
5 TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SPEAKING AT THE MEETING AND PROVIDING WRITTEN
6 COMMENT, AND INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO OBTAIN AND INSPECT COPIES OF THE
7 MAPS.

8 (2) NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS SHALL BE PROVIDED:

9 (I) AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE EACH PUBLIC MEETING ON THE
10 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE;

11 (II) WITHIN 7 TO 10 DAYS BEFORE EACH PUBLIC MEETING AND THE
12 DAY BEFORE EACH PUBLIC MEETING BY ADVERTISEMENT IN A MAJOR NEWSPAPER
13 OF GENERAL CIRCULATION SERVING THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE
14 MEETING WILL BE HELD; AND

15 (III) WITHIN 7 TO 10 DAYS BEFORE EACH PUBLIC MEETING BY
16 DELIVERY TO THE NEWS MEDIA SERVING THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHERE THE
17 MEETING WILL BE HELD.

18 (F) (1) MAPS OF THE EXISTING CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SHALL BE
19 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
20 REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (2) MAPS SHOWING PRELIMINARY PROPOSED DISTRICTS SHALL BE
22 MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
23 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (3) MAPS SHALL:

25 (I) BE POSTED ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE;

26 (II) BE PROVIDED TO EACH PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE STATE AND
27 SHALL BE RETAINED BY EACH LIBRARY AS REFERENCE MATERIALS; AND

28 (III) BE PROVIDED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT EACH PUBLIC
29 MEETING.

30 (G) (1) PUBLIC MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT FACILITIES THAT ARE FULLY
31 ACCESSIBLE AND COMPLIANT WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND
32 THAT HAVE A SEATING CAPACITY OF AT LEAST 500.

33 (2) THE MEETINGS SHALL BE:

34 (I) HELD ON A TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR THURSDAY EVENING;
35 AND

1 (II) BE SCHEDULED, WHEN PRACTICABLE, TO AVOID CONFLICT
2 WITH RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS.

3 (H) (1) INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC MEETING MUST
4 RECORD THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS ON A SPEAKER SIGN-UP LIST PROVIDED BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT.

6 (2) INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RECORDED THEIR NAMES ON THE
7 SPEAKER SIGN-UP LIST SHALL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN THE ORDER
8 IN WHICH THEY ARE LISTED.

9 (3) (I) INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RECORDED THEIR NAMES ON THE
10 SPEAKER SIGN-UP LIST SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR A MINIMUM OF 2
11 MINUTES.

12 (II) NO SPEAKER SHALL BE GIVEN MORE THAN 3 MINUTES TO
13 SPEAK WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS
14 WHO ARE PRESENT.

15 (I) (1) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF EACH PUBLIC
16 MEETING.

17 (II) THE RECORD SHALL INCLUDE THE SPEAKER SIGN-UP LIST,
18 WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC, AND A SUMMARY OR
19 TRANSCRIPT OF THE ORAL TESTIMONY.

20 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DELETE ANY INFORMATION PROHIBITED
21 BY § 8-6A-02(B)(2)(II) OF THIS SUBTITLE FROM THE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
22 FROM THE PUBLIC AND THE SUMMARY OR TRANSCRIPT OF ORAL TESTIMONY.

23 (3) AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, THE
24 DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH A COMPILATION OF THE WRITTEN RECORDS AND
25 ORAL TESTIMONY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF
26 THIS SUBSECTION. COPIES OF THE COMPILATION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
27 PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACROSS THE STATE AND ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE
28 NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1 AFTER THE FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND NO
29 LATER THAN JANUARY 1 AFTER THE SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

30 8-6A-06.

31 (A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE
32 SERVICES SHALL:

33 (1) PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS;

34 (2) HANDLE ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND
35 THE COMMISSION, THE MEDIA, AND THE PUBLIC; AND

36 (3) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO COMPLETE THE REDISTRICTING WORK
37 OF THE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (B) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL CREATE A PUBLIC MEETING
2 WORKGROUP AND A PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP.

3 (2) THE PUBLIC MEETING WORKGROUP SHALL MAKE ALL NECESSARY
4 ARRANGEMENTS, PUBLISH NOTICES, ASSIST WITH CONDUCTING THE PUBLIC
5 MEETINGS, KEEP ALL RECORDS OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND SUMMARIZE ORAL
6 TESTIMONY, AS REQUIRED BY § 8-6A-05 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (3) THE PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP SHALL COMPILE AND
8 ANALYZE POPULATION DATA, REVIEW AND INCORPORATE PUBLIC INPUT AS
9 CONTAINED IN A REDACTED COMPILATION PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC MEETING
10 WORKGROUP, AND DRAFT AND PUBLISH DISTRICTING MAPS AS REQUIRED BY THIS
11 SUBTITLE.

12 (C) EXCEPT FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NO PERSON MAY BE INVOLVED
13 IN THE WORK OF BOTH WORKGROUPS.

14 (D) EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT PROVIDE OR COMMUNICATE
15 ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE DETAILS OF ANY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING
16 PLAN TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR MEMBERS OF THE
17 WORKGROUP TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED.

18 8-6A-07.

19 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING
20 PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
21 DELEGATES, WHO SHALL INTRODUCE THE PLAN AS A BILL IN THE TWO HOUSES OF
22 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF REGULAR SESSION IN THE SECOND
23 YEAR FOLLOWING THE DECENNIAL U.S. CENSUS.

24 (B) (1) (I) EACH HOUSE SHALL CONSIDER THE BILL ON SECOND READING
25 AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND BRING THE BILL TO A FINAL VOTE NOT LATER
26 THAN THE 10TH DAY OF THE SESSION.

27 (II) THE BILL SHALL BE BROUGHT TO A VOTE UNDER A RULE OR
28 PROCEDURE THAT PROHIBITS AMENDMENTS EXCEPT FOR TECHNICAL
29 CORRECTIONS THAT PRESERVE THE INTENTION OF THE PLAN.

30 (2) (I) AFTER A VOTE IN EACH HOUSE, IF THE BILL FAILS TO BE
31 APPROVED BY A CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY IN EITHER HOUSE, THE SECRETARY OF
32 THE SENATE OR THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AS THE CASE MAY
33 BE, SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT ANY INFORMATION AS
34 DIRECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS REGARDING THE REASONS WHY THE
35 PLAN WAS NOT APPROVED.

36 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY PREPARE A BILL
37 EMBODYING A SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN, TAKING INTO
38 ACCOUNT THE REASONS CITED BY THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES FOR
39 THE FAILURE OF THE FIRST BILL TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE TO DO SO WITHIN
40 THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 8-6A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (C) (1) (I) NOT LATER THAN THE 17TH DAY OF THE SESSION, THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN TO
3 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
4 WHO SHALL INTRODUCE THE PLAN AS A BILL IN THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY ON THAT DAY.

6 (II) THE SAME PROCESS SHALL BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN
7 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, EXCEPT THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL
8 DISTRICTING PLAN BILL SHALL BE BROUGHT TO A FINAL VOTE NOT LATER THAN
9 THE 24TH DAY OF THE SESSION.

10 (2) (I) AFTER A VOTE IN EACH HOUSE, IF THE SECOND BILL FAILS TO
11 BE APPROVED BY A CONSTITUTIONAL MAJORITY IN EITHER HOUSE, THE SECRETARY
12 OF THE SENATE OR THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AS THE CASE
13 MAY BE, SHALL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT ANY INFORMATION AS
14 DIRECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS REGARDING THE REASONS THAT THE
15 PLAN WAS NOT APPROVED.

16 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMMEDIATELY PREPARE A BILL
17 EMBODYING A THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
18 THE REASONS CITED BY THE SENATE OR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES FOR THE
19 FAILURE OF THE SECOND BILL TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE TO DO SO WITHIN THE
20 REQUIREMENTS OF § 8-6A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

21 (III) THE THIRD PLAN SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
22 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO SHALL
23 INTRODUCE THE PLAN AS A BILL IN THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
24 NOT LATER THAN THE 31ST DAY OF THE SESSION.

25 (IV) THE THIRD BILL MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT IN THE
26 SAME MANNER AS OTHER BILLS; HOWEVER, THE AMENDMENTS SHALL CONFORM TO
27 THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 8-6A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND TO ANY DIRECTION
28 PROVIDED BY THE TEMPORARY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION UNDER §
29 8-6A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

30 (D) (1) IF A SPECIAL SESSION IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH
31 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AS DESCRIBED IN § 8-6A-02(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE
32 SAME PROCESS SHALL BE USED AS DESCRIBED IN §§ 8-6A-05 AND 8-6A-06 OF THIS
33 SUBTITLE AND SUBSECTIONS (A), (B), AND (C) OF THIS SECTION.

34 (2) IF A SPECIAL SESSION IS CONVENED AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1)
35 OF THIS SUBSECTION:

36 (I) THE FIRST DISTRICTING PLAN BILL SHALL BE BROUGHT TO A
37 VOTE NOT LATER THAN THE 5TH DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION;

38 (II) A SECOND DISTRICTING PLAN BILL SHALL BE INTRODUCED ON
39 THE 10TH DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION AND BROUGHT TO A VOTE NOT LATER THAN
40 THE 15TH DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION; AND

1 (III) A THIRD DISTRICTING PLAN BILL SHALL BE INTRODUCED NOT
2 LATER THAN THE 20TH DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
4 effect October 1, 2005.