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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 Maryland Constitution to provide that legislative
4 districting shall, 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 Maryland Constitution
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 Maryland Constitution read as follows:

13 **Article III - Legislative Department**

14 4.

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, HAVING A RESIDENT DELEGATE FOR EVERY COUNTY.

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

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
25 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
26 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
27 November, 2006 for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in
28 Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this
29 proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot

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