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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 2005 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, AND
2 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, OTHER THAN POPULATION HEAD COUNTS, EXCEPT AS
3 REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

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

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

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

13 8-6A-03.

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

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

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

18 (I) FOUR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

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

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

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

26 (4) (I) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS TO THE TEMPORARY
27 REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION, BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF THAT
28 YEAR, THE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL SELECT, BY VOTE OF AT LEAST FIVE OF
29 THE MEMBERS, THE NINTH COMMISSION MEMBER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR.

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

32 (5) A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE
33 GOVERNOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDING OFFICERS WITHIN 15 DAYS
34 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 APPOINTIVE
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
15 STANDARD STATE 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,
22 PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON ANY ISSUE FOR WHICH THERE IS NO
23 CLEAR APPLICABLE GUIDELINE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF A CONGRESSIONAL
24 DISTRICTING PLAN AS PROVIDED IN § 8-6A-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25 8-6A-05.

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

28 (B) BEFORE BEGINNING WORK ON NEW DISTRICT MAPS, AND BETWEEN APRIL
29 16 AND MAY 31 OF THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING THE U.S. CENSUS, 12 PUBLIC
30 MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS ACROSS THE
31 STATE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THE ADVANTAGES
32 AND DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING DISTRICT LINES, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION
33 CITIZENS BELIEVE USEFUL IN DEVELOPING NEW DISTRICT MAPS.

34 (C) AFTER DEVELOPING PRELIMINARY DISTRICT MAPS, BETWEEN
35 SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 31 OF THE FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING THE U.S. CENSUS,
36 12 PUBLIC MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS ACROSS
37 THE STATE TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY
38 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 SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE
4 MEETING, THE PURPOSE, LOCATION, DATE, TIME, THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR
5 SPEAKING AT THE MEETING AND PROVIDING WRITTEN COMMENT, AND
6 INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO OBTAIN AND INSPECT COPIES OF THE MAPS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (3) MAPS SHALL:

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

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

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

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

32 (2) THE MEETINGS SHALL:

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

35 (II) BE SCHEDULED, WHEN PRACTICABLE, TO AVOID CONFLICT
36 WITH RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS.

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

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

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

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

13 (I) (1) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF EACH PUBLIC
14 MEETING.

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

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

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

28 8-6A-06.

29 (A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

30 (1) PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS;

31 (2) HANDLE ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND
32 THE COMMISSION, THE MEDIA, AND THE PUBLIC; AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 8-6A-07.

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

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

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

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

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

39 (C) (1) (I) NOT LATER THAN THE 17TH DAY OF THE SESSION, THE
40 DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PLAN TO

1 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
2 WHO SHALL INTRODUCE THE PLAN AS A BILL IN THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY ON THAT DAY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 (I) THE FIRST DISTRICTING PLAN BILL SHALL BE BROUGHT TO A
35 VOTE NOT LATER THAN THE FIFTH DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION;

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

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 2006.