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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senators Colburn and Pipkin**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2011

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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 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**

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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 boundaries
17 and the boundaries of political subdivisions **AND, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT**
18 **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 not
23 apply.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
2 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
3 qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November, 2012
4 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution.
5 At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution
6 shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the
7 Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now
8 provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the
9 Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article
10 XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with
11 Article XIV.