

# SENATE BILL 110

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HB 1022/18 – HRU

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senator Reilly**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2019

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Congressional Districts – Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require  
4 congressional districts to conform to certain standards and that due regard be given  
5 to certain boundaries; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the  
6 State for their adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution  
8 New Article XX – Congressional Districts  
9 Section 1

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be  
12 proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

### 13 **ARTICLE XX – CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

14 **1.**

15 **EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHALL CONSIST OF ADJOINING TERRITORY,**  
16 **BE COMPACT IN FORM, AND BE OF SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL POPULATION. DUE**  
17 **REGARD SHALL BE GIVEN TO NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF**  
18 **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.**

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

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to the

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the qualified  
2 voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2020 for adoption or  
3 rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election,  
4 the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and on each  
5 ballot there shall be printed the words “For the Constitutional Amendment” and “Against  
6 the Constitutional Amendment”, as now provided by law. Immediately after the election,  
7 all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed  
8 amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further  
9 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.