

**HB2100/943226/1**

BY: Senator West

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2100  
(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“The proposed Constitutional Amendment provides that in the future congressional districts in Maryland will not need to consist of contiguous adjoining territory, will not need to be compact, and will not need to give due regard to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment further provides that no section of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, including Article 7 guarantying to the people of Maryland free elections, Article 24 guarantying to the people of Maryland the equal protection of the law, and Article 40 guarantying to the people of Maryland the freedom of speech, will apply in cases of congressional districting.

Under the proposed Constitutional Amendment, all applicable criteria for congressional districting will be stricken.

The proposed Constitutional Amendment authorizes the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting plan of the State.”.