

SB0005/983428/1

BY: Delegate Buckel

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 5, AS AMENDED
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike the Government, Labor, and Elections Committee Amendments (SB0005/213726/1) in their entirety.

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, before “**General**” insert “**Elections – Election District Standards and**”; in the same line, strike the dash; in the same line, strike “**Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office**” and substitute “**Elections**”; in line 3, after “of” insert “altering certain standards for the drawing of legislative districts;”; in line 6, after “date” insert “; and establishing certain standards for the drawing of congressional districts”; in line 9, after “Section” insert “4 and”; and after line 12, insert:

“BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
New Article XXI – Congressional Redistricting
Section 1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1 of the bill, after line 16, insert:

“4.

Each legislative district [shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of substantially equal population. Due regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions]:

(1) SHALL RESPECT NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE
GEOGRAPHIC INTEGRITY AND CONTINUITY OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS,
COUNTIES, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;

(2) SHALL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY CONTIGUOUS AND COMPACT AND INCLUDE NEARBY AREAS OF POPULATION TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;

(3) SHALL REFLECT COMMUNITIES OF COMMON INTEREST;

(4) MAY NOT ACCOUNT FOR HOW INDIVIDUALS ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE, HOW INDIVIDUALS VOTED IN THE PAST, OR THE POLITICAL PARTY TO WHICH INDIVIDUALS BELONG; AND

(5) MAY NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE DOMICILE OR RESIDENCE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING AN INCUMBENT OFFICEHOLDER OR A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE.”.

On page 4 of the bill, after line 2, insert:

“ARTICLE XXI – CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

1.

EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

(1) SHALL RESPECT NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE GEOGRAPHIC INTEGRITY AND CONTINUITY OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, COUNTIES, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;

(2) SHALL BE GEOGRAPHICALLY CONTIGUOUS AND COMPACT AND INCLUDE NEARBY AREAS OF POPULATION TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE;

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(5) MAY NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE DOMICILE OR RESIDENCE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING AN INCUMBENT OFFICEHOLDER OR A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE.”.