

Testimony For HB0203

Honorable Delegates

I support

- Requiring that each legislative district established for the purpose of electing members of the House of Delegates consist of three single-member delegate districts;
- requiring the General Assembly to enact a law establishing and governing a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention to establish legislative and congressional districts and establishing certain requirements regarding the Redistricting Convention;
- establishing the Redistricting Convention.

I support not having 3 –person districts for Delegates. I believe each Delegate should represent his/her own district instead of having 3 share a larger district.

I especially support the proposal that would have each County elect at least 3 citizens who are not politicians, staffers, or contractors of the State Government to be among the 188 representatives who would be tasked with doing the redistricting of the Congressional and State Legislative Districts after the 2030 Census. The County representatives would be apportioned by County population size, but no County would have fewer than 3. The intent of the bill is that citizens would be less likely to create gerrymandered districts than the districts designed by the politicians that have done it in the past.

Once submitted by the redistricting committee, their plan would face review by the State Assembly and if not approved by the Assembly, face review by the Courts. The Courts could overrule the Assembly's objections and allow the plan to be implemented. If the Courts also reject it, the Redistricting Convention would meet to address the Court's objections.

Please enter a favorable report for HB0203.

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