

HB2100 – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING
TO: MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I strongly **OPPOSE** the CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT on CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING. This Amendment specifies that the requirements for State Legislative District Maps to consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of substantially equal population and that due regard be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivision do not apply to Congressional Redistricting. It further specifies that Maryland Constitution defines zero requirements when drawing a Congressional Map. This Amendment allows the Legislature to remove and eliminate AT WILL the voice of any voter in Maryland by simply moving any individual to any other District in the State regardless of where they live. Residence won't matter for a Voting District, only Political Party. The right to go an Early Voting Cite or local Precinct to Vote on Election Day could be made impossible by the Legislature by causing people to travel hundreds of miles just to VOTE because they were moved to a far away District and want to Vote in person. For example, a home in Western Maryland could be assigned to a District in Baltimore City or the Eastern Shore making it very difficult to travel for someone who wants to vote in person. It appears that this Amendment could violate several Voting Laws and be easily overturned by the Courts and could by itself be in OPPOSITION to the Maryland BILL of RIGHTS. I highly recommended voting **AGAINST** HB2100.

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