



**TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

**HB 482 Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Legislative and  
Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission (Fair Districts  
for Maryland Act)**

**POSITION: Informational**

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The League of Women Voters of Maryland has the following position:

Action to assure a state redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation in the state legislature and House of Representatives with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny.

LWVMD supports:

1. A state redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation in the state legislature and House of Representatives with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny.
2. An independent commission as the preferred redistricting body. The membership of the redistricting commission should:
  - be multi-partisan
  - include unaffiliated voters
  - be geographically representative
  - not include any current state elected official
3. Standards on which the redistricting plan is based should include:
  - a. substantially equal population;
  - b. geographic contiguity;
  - c. geographic compactness.
4. Final approval by the General Assembly for the legislative and Congressional redistricting plans.
5. An amendment to the Maryland Constitution affirming that the redistricting process for the House of Representatives should occur only once each ten years after the census.