

session in the second year following the census, and may call a special session to present it prior thereto. No change in the number of members of the Senate or House of Delegates shall be provided in this plan. Following each decennial census the General Assembly shall by law enact a plan for legislative districting and apportionment. If no plan has been enacted for these purposes by the forty-fifth day after the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly of the second year following the census, the plan presented to the General Assembly by the Governor shall become law. Upon petition of any registered voter, the Court of Appeals shall have original jurisdiction to review the legislative districting and apportionment of the State and may grant appropriate relief, if it finds that the districting and apportioning of the State is not consistent with requirements of either the Constitution of the United States of America or the Constitution of Maryland.

6.

A member of the General Assembly shall be elected by the registered voters of the legislative district from which he seeks election, to serve for a term of four years beginning on the second Wednesday of January following his election.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing sections hereby proposed as amendments to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next ensuing general election to be held in this State, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments" as now provided by law, and immediately after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendments, as directed by said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article 14.

Approved May 21, 1969.

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CHAPTER 786

(House Bill 914)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland by the addition of a new Section 1A to Article