

substantially the same in each legislative district. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the election of only one Delegate from each legislative district.】

*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.*

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【Following each decennial census of the United States, the Governor shall prepare a plan for legislative districting and apportionment. The Governor shall present the plan to the General Assembly not later than the first day of its regular 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.】

*A Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be appointed for the purpose of dividing the State into legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates.*

*The Commission shall be composed of seven members appointed as follows: Two each by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates; one each by the Minority Leaders of the principal minority political party of the Senate and the House of Delegates respectively, and one who shall serve as Chairman, by the Governor. All members must be registered voters in the State of Maryland and may not hold any elective public or party office during their tenure. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Commission shall adopt a redistricting plan only by a majority vote. The Chairman shall have no vote unless the Commission be equally divided.*

*Members of the Commission shall serve until the Commission's redistricting plan has been introduced into the General Assembly. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Governor prior to the expiration of his term for official misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty. The members shall serve without compensation their responsibilities under this section.*

*Within seven (7) days after any Constitutional amendment takes effect changing the size of the General Assembly and following each decennial census of the United States, the Legislative Redistricting Commission shall prepare a plan setting forth the boundaries of the legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and*