

the House of Delegates. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall introduce the Commission's plan as a joint resolution to the General Assembly not later than the first day of its regular session in the third year following the 1970 census, and in the second year following every census thereafter, and the Governor may call a special session for the presentation of the Commission's plan prior to the regular session. The plan shall conform to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. Following each decennial census the General Assembly may by joint resolution adopt a plan setting forth the boundaries of the legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates, which plan shall conform to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. If a plan has been adopted by the General Assembly by the fifty-fifth day after the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in the third year following the 1970 census and in the second year following every census thereafter, the plan adopted by the General Assembly shall become law. If no plan has been adopted by the General Assembly for these purposes by the fifty-fifth day after the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in the third year following the 1970 census and in the second year following every census thereafter, the Commission's plan presented to the General Assembly shall become law.

Upon petition of any registered voter, the Court of Appeals shall have original jurisdiction to review the legislative districting of the State and may grant appropriate relief, if it finds that the districting of the State is not consistent with requirement of either the Constitution of the United States of America, or the Constitution of Maryland.

Upon the adoption by the qualified voters of the State in 1972 of the above amendments to Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article, any legislative districting and apportionment plan submitted by the Governor or adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of this Section as they existed immediately prior to the adoption in 1972 of the said amendments, shall be void and of no effect. The adoption of these amendments in 1972 does not affect the election, tenure, powers, privileges, and duties of any member of the General Assembly in office when these amendments become effective, for the remainder of the term for which he was elected.

FOLLOWING EACH DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES AND AFTER PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PREPARE A PLAN SETTING FORTH THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS FOR ELECTING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

THE GOVERNOR SHALL PRESENT THE PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO SHALL INTRODUCE THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN AS A JOINT RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF ITS REGULAR SESSION IN THE THIRD YEAR FOLLOWING THE 1970 CENSUS, AND IN THE SECOND YEAR FOLLOWING EVERY CENSUS THEREAFTER, AND THE GOVERNOR MAY CALL A SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE PRESENTATION OF HIS PLAN PRIOR TO THE REGULAR