

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1

Annapolis, Md., May 31, 1962.

To the Members of the General Assembly:

Your Conference Committee herewith submits its report on House Bill No. 1. This bill was amended in the Senate and the House of Delegates refused to concur in the Senate amendments. The Senate then refused to recede and your Conference Committee was appointed.

The members of the Committee have given close consideration to the problems raised by House Bill No. 1. The report of the Committee is as follows:

Amendment No. 1—All amendments proposed by the Senate of Maryland to the third reading file copy of the bill be withdrawn.

Amendment No. 2—In lines 8 to 14, inclusive, of the title of the third reading file bill, strike out the following: "making an emergency appropriation to the Board of Public Works from the General Fund Surplus of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, to be used in whole or in part by the Board of Public Works to pay a portion of the cost of special primary elections for this purpose,".

Amendment No. 3—In lines 16 to 19, inclusive, of the title of the third reading file copy of the bill, strike out the following: "and to an emergency appropriation from the State Treasury for the payment of a portion of the cost of special elections under this act."

Amendment No. 4—In lines 8, 9 and 10 of sub-section (b) on pages 1 and 2 of the third reading file bill, strike out the following: "After and based upon the final official publication of the Federal census of 1970, and after such publication of each decennial Federal census thereafter, there" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "There".

Amendment No. 5—Following line 35 of sub-section (c) on page 2 of the third reading file bill insert the following:

"The total population of the State according to the census shall be divided by the number sixty-five (65). The resulting quotient, computed as the nearest whole number, is the unit of population necessary for an additional Delegate. The unit of population, as divisor, shall then be divided into the population of each county in the State and of each legislative district of Baltimore City which has a population in excess of the unit population. Each county and legislative district shall receive an additional number of Delegates equal to the resulting quotient in each instance, dropping any fractional remainder. If the total number of Delegates so apportioned is fewer than one hundred and twenty-three (123), additional Delegates shall be awarded in descending order to those counties or legislative districts having the highest fractional share of a unit of population as a remainder after the last mentioned quotients have been computed, until the total of one hundred and twenty-three (123) Delegates is apportioned."

Amendment No. 6—Strike out all of lines 1 to 78, inclusive, of sub-section (c) on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the third reading file bill.

Amendment No. 7—In line 5 of sub-section (d) on page 4 of the third reading file bill, strike out the following: "and the year 1970".