

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

**Section 3.05. Redistricting Commission.**

Six months before the first day of the regular session of the General Assembly in the year in which redistricting is to be effective, the presiding officer and the minority leader of each house shall each appoint two persons to a commission on legislative redistricting. The governor shall appoint an additional member who shall serve as chairman of the commission. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. The commission shall adopt a redistricting plan only by a majority vote of all its members. No member of the commission shall hold a popularly elected office in the State.

**Section 3.06. Legislative Redistricting Procedure.**

The commission on legislative redistricting shall submit a plan to the governor, who shall transmit it to the General Assembly by the first day of the regular session in the year in which redistricting is to be effective. If any other plan has not been prescribed by law within seventy days after the transmission of the commission plan to the General Assembly, then the commission plan shall become law. The Court of Appeals shall have original jurisdiction, upon petition of any qualified voter, to review the new redistricting law and the commission plan if it has not become law. If the Court of Appeals finds a redistricting law enacted by the General Assembly invalid, then the commission plan shall become law. If the Court of Appeals finds the commission plan invalid, then the Court of Appeals shall grant appropriate relief for the conduct of the impending election.

**Section 3.07. Congressional Districts.**

The State shall be divided by law into congressional districts for the election of members of the United States House of Representatives. The difference between the populations of the largest and smallest congressional districts in the State shall not exceed ten per cent of the mean population of all congressional districts. Each congressional district shall consist of adjoining territory and be compact in form. Due regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions. Boundaries of congressional districts shall be

make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory.

*See Art. I, Sec. 1 at Section 3.04 for Congressional Districts.*