

Proclamation by the Governor of Maryland concerning the General Assembly of Maryland in Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Whereas, The Circuit Court for Baltimore City on October 31, 1963, ruled that the Legislative Districts of the City of Baltimore were malapportioned and contrary to the Constitution of the State of Maryland; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court on February 17, 1964, ruled that Congressional Districts must be equal, or nearly equal, in population; and

Whereas, The United States District Court for Maryland on February 3, 1964, indicated that it was its opinion that the Congressional Districts of Maryland were malapportioned and therefore unconstitutional; and

Whereas, The existence of malapportionment, both as to the Legislative Districts of Baltimore City and the Congressional Districts of the State of Maryland, creates an emergency deserving the attention of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, Certain other matters of public interest, including appropriate legislative measures for equality of public accommodations, merit the consideration of the General Assembly,

Now, therefore, I, J. Millard Tawes, Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority conferred upon and invested in me by the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby call a special and extraordinary session of the General Assembly of Maryland, to begin at 10 A. M. Wednesday, March 11, 1964, in the State Capitol in the City of Annapolis, State of Maryland.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, this 5th Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four.

By the Governor:

J. MILLARD TAWES,

LLOYD L. SIMPKINS,

Secretary of State.

ORDER

By Mr. Hess:

Resolved, that the following desk officers be and they are hereby elected to serve the House of Delegates during this Special Legislative Session of 1964:

Chief Clerk	— James P. Mause
Assistant Chief Clerk	— Elizabeth M. Reese
Journal Clerk	— Charles H. Cox
Assistant Journal Clerk	— William T. Schmitz
Reading Clerk	— James E. Jones
Sergeant-at-Arms	— John F. Nixon
Chief Page	— L. Edwin Carr

Read and adopted.