

CHAPTER 2

(Senate Bill 5)

AN ACT to repeal Section 42 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Apportionment," and to enact in lieu thereof new Sections 42, 42A, 42B, 42C, 42D, and 42E, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, and to be under the new subheadings "House of Delegates" and "Senate," revising the laws now providing for the apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates and in the Senate of Maryland; providing for the apportionment, membership, and election of members of the House of Delegates and of the Senate, and for the districts which are to be the basis of representation in each of the two Houses; imposing certain duties upon the Governor of Maryland in relation to such apportionment, representation, and districts; providing for the effect of this Act upon certain sections in Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland; providing for contingencies whereby part or all of this Act becomes no longer effective; and relating generally to apportionment and representation in the House of Delegates and in the Senate of Maryland, to the election of members thereof, and to the duties of certain State officers in relation thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 42 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Apportionment," be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Sections 42, 42A, 42B, 42C, 42D, and 42E, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, and to be under the new subheadings "House of Delegates" and "Senate," all to read as follows:

House of Delegates

42.

The membership of the House of Delegates of Maryland shall consist of one hundred and forty-two (142) Delegates. Each county and Baltimore City shall have one Delegate as a minimum, making a total of twenty-four (24) Delegates. The remaining one hundred and eighteen (118) Delegates shall be apportioned among the several counties and Baltimore City according to the mathematical formula of equal proportions, as more particularly described elsewhere in this subheading.

42A.

(a) The mathematical formula of equal proportions shall be applied for apportioning one hundred and eighteen (118) of the memberships in the House of Delegates, after the initial award of one Delegate for each county and Baltimore City.

(b) The formula shall be applied by these computations: the population of each county and Baltimore City is separately divided by the geometric mean between the numerals 1 and 2 (1.414), next by the geometric mean between the numerals 2 and 3 (2.449), next by the geometric mean between the numerals 3 and 4 (3.464),