

Chapter 20.

Senate Bill No. 25.
Introduced by Mr. McIntosh.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT Examined by Committee on Printed Bills:

This Act in the order of its approval is

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Number _____

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his

approval this *23rd* day of *February*

at _____ o'clock _____ M. *1922*

H. P. Crothers
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Secretary.

CHAPTER *20*

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", regulating the representation of the City of Baltimore in the House of Delegates; and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

filed March 2nd 1922

1 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Mary-*
2 *land*, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses
3 concurring, that the following Section be and the same is
4 hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 4 of Article III
5 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative
6 Department", the same if adopted by the legally qualified
7 voters of the State as herein provided, to become Section 4 of
8 Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

1 4. As soon as may be, after the taking and publishing of the
2 National Census of 1900, or after the enumeration of
3 the population of this State, under the authority thereof, there
4 shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of
5 Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit: Each of
6 the several counties of the State, having a population of
7 eighteen thousand souls or less, shall be entitled to two dele-
8 gates; and every county having a population of over eighteen
9 thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls, shall be
10 entitled to three delegates; and every county having a popula-
11 tion of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand
12 souls, shall be entitled to four delegates; and every county
13 having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five
14 thousand souls, shall be entitled to five delegates; and every
15 county having a population of fifty-five thousand souls and
16 upwards, shall be entitled to six delegates and no more; and
17 each of the six legislative districts of the City of
18 Baltimore shall be entitled to the number of delegates to which
19 the largest county shall or may be entitled under the afore-
20 going apportionment, and the General Assembly shall have
21 the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering
22 and changing the boundaries of the existing legislative districts
23 of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may
24 be of equal population; but said district shall always consist
25 of contiguous territory. In case the General Assembly, at the
26 regular session of nineteen hundred and twenty-two, fails to
27 fix the boundaries of the six legislative districts of the City of
28 Baltimore, the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said city
29 shall fix the boundaries of the six legislative districts, subject

30 to the limitations contained herein, and shall give adequate
31 notice of the same; and the boundaries so fixed shall remain
32 until altered or changed by the General Assembly.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority afore-*
2 *said,* That said foregoing section, hereby proposed as an
3 amendment to the Constitution, shall be at the next general
4 election for Members of the House of Representatives of Con-
5 gress held in this State submitted to the legal and qualified
6 voters of the State for adoption or rejection, in pursuance
7 of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution
8 of this State, and at the said general election the vote on the
9 said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot,
10 and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For
11 the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitu-
12 tional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately
13 after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor
14 of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as di-
15 rected by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and
16 further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Four-
17 teen.

Approved:

MAR 1 - 1922

Alben W. Ritchie

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Governor.

William I. Norris

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President of the Senate.

John L. Lee

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Speaker of The House of Delegates.