

Sec. 3rd. The Senate shall consist of twenty-two Senators, to be elected every fourth year, at the time, places and in the manner prescribed for the election of members of the House of Delegates; one Senator to be chosen by the voters of each county in the State, and two by the voters of the city of Baltimore; but for this purpose the said city of Baltimore shall be divided or laid off as nearly as may be, into two equal senatorial districts, each of which districts shall separately elect one Senator; and the said city of Baltimore shall also be laid off into nine equal electoral districts, for the purpose of electing members of the House of Delegates, and each of said electoral districts shall separately elect one Delegate—and it shall be competent for the Legislature at their first session after the authoritative promulgation of each decennial census of the people of the United States, or whenever the said city shall by the further increase of her population become entitled according to the basis of representation now fixed, to one or more additional Delegates, to provide for re-arranging said electoral districts or creating others for the purpose of such election; but it shall not be competent for the Legislature to alter or disturb the arrangement of said districts for any other purpose, nor upon any other occasion, nor to make the number of said districts less than the number of delegates to be elected from said city; and the Legislature shall have power at the same decennial periods to alter, for the purpose of equalization, the senatorial districts of said city, but at no other time.