

1 were determined.

2 In 1962 when the Circuit Court in Anne Arundel
3 County declared unconstitutional the then composition
4 of the House of Delegates, the Governor called for a
5 special session of the General Assembly, at which time two
6 bills were prepared for introduction.

7 The objective of these was ultimately to keep
8 the size of the General Assembly at 123, which most
9 of the participants agreed was far better than an expanded
10 size. The first bill or, correction, the second bill
11 would have been a Constitutional amendment to achieve
12 that and provide that after 1966 the size would revert
13 to 123. Because the General Assembly only had
14 five days in which to act and this was quite a new
15 problem at the time, having just arrived on the judicial
16 scene, the spirit of compromise was much in the air.

17 It was determined that there would not be very
18 much possibility of getting a bill through the General
19 Assembly if seats were cut as well as added, especially
20 since the primary election for the 123 seats had already
21 been held.