

gates; Talbot County, two Delegates; Washington County, five Delegates, and Worcester County, three Delegates.†

SEC. 4. As soon as may be, after the taking and publishing of the next National Census of 1900, or after the enumeration of the population of this State, under the authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit: Each of the several counties of the State, having a population of eighteen thousand souls or less, shall be entitled to two Delegates; and every county having a population of over eighteen thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls, shall be entitled to three Delegates; and every county having a population of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand souls, shall be entitled to four Delegates; and every county having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to five Delegates; and every county having a population of fifty-five thousand souls and upwards, shall be entitled to six Delegates and no more; and each of the six Legislative Districts of the city of Baltimore shall be entitled to the number of Delegates to which the largest county shall or may be entitled under the foregoing apportionment, and the General Assembly shall have the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing Legislative Districts of the city of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory. In case the General Assembly, at the regular session of nineteen hundred and twenty-two, fails to fix the boundaries of the six legislative districts of the city of Baltimore, the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said city shall fix the boundaries of the six legislative districts, subject to the limitations contained herein, and shall give adequate notice of the same; and the boundaries so fixed shall remain until altered or changed by the General Assembly.*

SEC. 5. Immediately after the taking and publishing of the next National Census, or after any State enumeration of population, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor, then being, to arrange the representation in said House of Delegates in accordance with the apportionment herein pro-

† Under the State Census of 1920 the allotment of representation of the several counties in the House of Delegates is as follows: Allegany County, six; Anne Arundel County, five; Baltimore County, six; Calvert County, two; Caroline County, three; Carroll County, four; Cecil County, three; Charles County, two; Dorchester County, three; Frederick County, five; Garrett County, three; Harford County, four; Howard County, two; Kent County, two; Montgomery County, four; Prince George's County, five; Queen Anne's County, two; Somerset County, three; St. Mary's County, two; Talbot County, three; Washington County, six; Wicomico County, four; Worcester County, three; and Baltimore City, twenty-four Delegates, Total, 106.

* Thus amended by Act of 1922, Chapter 29, ratified by the people at November election, 1922.