

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.¹

SEC. 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4 of this Article, the membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred and twenty-three (123) Delegates, apportioned as follows: Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties, two Delegates each; Cecil, Garrett, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester Counties, three Delegates each; Carroll, Dorchester, Harford, and Wicomico Counties, four Delegates each; Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington Counties, and each of the six legislative districts of Baltimore City, six Delegates each.²

SEC. 6. The members of the House of Delegates shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Counties, and the Legislative Districts of Baltimore city, respectively, to serve for two years, from the day of their election.¹

SEC. 7. The first election for Senators and Delegates shall take place on the Tuesday next, after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; and the election for Delegates, and as nearly as practicable, for one-half of the Senators, shall be held on the same day, in every second year thereafter.³

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 20, Acts of 1922, ratified November 7, 1922.

² Thus amended by Chapter 226, Acts of 1949, ratified November 7, 1950.

³ Modified by Article XVII, Sections 1 and 2.