

legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:

2.

The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the number of members of each house of the General Assembly, but the total membership of both houses shall not exceed one hundred and eighty. The General Assembly shall prescribe by law the ratio of the number of members of the House of Delegates to the number of members of the Senate, but the ratio shall not be greater than four to one.

The State shall be divided by law into districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates. Senatorial districts shall consist of not more than four whole delegate districts or one or more multi-member delegate districts representing a total of not more than four delegates.

4.

Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of substantially equal population.

5.

Following each decennial census of the United States, the Governor shall prepare a plan setting forth the boundaries of the legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates. The Governor shall present the plan to the General Assembly not later than the first day of its regular session in the third year following the 1970 census and in the second year following every census thereafter, and the Governor may call a special session to present the plan prior to the regular session. The plan shall conform to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. Following each decennial census the General Assembly shall by joint resolution adopt a plan setting forth the boundaries of the legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates, which plan shall conform to Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Article. If a plan has been adopted by the General Assembly by the forty-fifth day after the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly in the third year following the 1970 census and in the second year following every census thereafter, the plan adopted by the General Assembly shall become law. If no plan has been adopted by the General Assembly for these