

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 45th 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 purposes by the 45th 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 Governor's plan presented to the General Assembly shall become law.

Upon petition of any registered voter, the Court of Appeals shall have original jurisdiction to review the legislative districting of the State and may grant appropriate relief, if it finds that the districting of the State is not consistent with requirements of either the Constitution of the United States of America, or the Constitution of Maryland.

Upon the adoption by the qualified voters of the State in 1972 of the above amendments to Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article, any legislative districting and apportionment plan submitted by the Governor or adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of this section as they existed immediately prior to the adoption in 1972 of the said amendments, shall be void and of no effect provided that any plan adopted by the General Assembly prior to the first day of the regular session of 1973 in conformity with Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article, as amended in 1972, shall not be void, but shall become law immediately upon the adoption of the amendment. The adoption of these amendments in 1972 does not affect the election, tenure, powers, privileges, and duties of any member of the General Assembly in office when these amendments become effective, for the remainder of the term for which he was elected.

¹ SEC. 6. A member of the General Assembly shall be elected by the registered voters of the legislative district from which he seeks election, to serve for a term of four years beginning on the second Wednesday of January following his election.

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 785, Acts of 1969, ratified November 3, 1970.