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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS AND ROSTER OF MEMBERS—1977

A Constitutional Amendment (Chapter 363, Acts of 1972) ratified by the people on November 7, 1972 divided the State of Maryland into forty-seven districts for the election of the 188 members of the Senate and the House of Delegates. Each Legislative District elects one Senator and three Delegates, for a total of forty-seven Senators and one hundred and forty-one Delegates. Each district may be divided into three Delegate subdistricts or one multi-member Delegate subdistrict. Each district must consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of equal population (Const. 1867, Art. III, secs. 1-4). Any district which contains more than two counties or parts of more than two counties, and where the Delegates are elected at large by the voters of the entire district, no county, or part of a county, is allowed to have more than one resident Delegate. The descriptions of the legislative districts are to the geographical boundaries which existed on March 15, 1974.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution, the Governor presented his legislative districting plan to the General Assembly and it became law on February