

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 21, 1901.

CHAPTER 3.

AN ACT to provide for taking a census of the population of the State of Maryland under the authority thereof, and for making known by proclamation, by the Governor, the result thereof, and for apportioning the representation in the House of Delegates in conformity with such result.

WHEREAS, The framers of the Constitution of 1867, wisely following the precedent set them by the draughtsmen of the Constitution of 1864, provided in Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Article 3, for the rearrangement and reapportionment of the representation to which the several counties and Baltimore City should from time to time be entitled, and made it the duty of the Governor to declare, by proclamation, the number of delegates to which each county and the City of Baltimore should be entitled under the apportionment after the taking and publishing of the next national census, or after any State enumeration of population; and

WHEREAS, Under the recent Federal census a result has been announced as to some of the counties, which is so totally contrary to the popular belief, and which would result in such undue representation in the General Assembly of Maryland of certain sections of the State, manifestly not warranted by the number of voters in such sections, as to force the conviction that such Federal census, either by accident or design, will cause great injustice to the people of the entire State; and

WHEREAS, It will become the duty of the Governor, under the Constitution of the State, to accept the enumeration of the Federal census, unless the General Assembly shall make provision for an enumeration of the population of the State, to the end that each county and each legislative district of Baltimore City shall secure, in the next General Assembly of Maryland, the proper representation provided for in the Constitution; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a census of the population of the State of Maryland Special census enabling act.