

1 some discussion: Within one calendar year after official
2 publication of the population figures of each decennial
3 census of the United States, the General Assembly shall
4 redistrict the State in accordance with the provisions of
5 this Article. If the General Assembly has not enacted a
6 plan of redistricting within such one year period, the
7 governor shall promulgate a plan of redistricting which
8 shall become law upon publication by the governor. If
9 the governor has not published a plan of redistricting
10 within sixty days after the expiration of such one year
11 period, the Court of Appeals in the exercise of original
12 jurisdiction may upon the petition of any qualified voter
13 order the governor to promulgate and publish a plan of
14 redistricting.

15 Because members of this Commission have not had
16 this paper until today, I would like to read the comment:
17 In keeping with the Committee's view that the General
18 Assembly should be strengthened and given more respon-
19 sibility rather than less, this section leaves reapportion-
20 ment to the General Assembly itself in the first instance.
21 We would like to emphasize that.