

sembly" to follow immediately after Section 41 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Apportionment", and to read as follows:

42.

(a) *The membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred and twenty-three Delegates. Each county and each legislative district of Baltimore City shall have two Delegates as a minimum, making a total of fifty-eight (58) Delegates. The remaining sixty-five (65) Delegates shall be apportioned on a basis of relative population, as in this section provided.*

(b) ~~After and based upon the final official publication of the Federal census of 1970, and after such publication of each decennial Federal census thereafter, there~~ THERE shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates in the following manner: Within one year after the publication of each census the Governor by proclamation shall announce the population determined in the census for each county and for each legislative district of Baltimore City. If the Federal census does not determine the population by legislative districts in Baltimore City, the Governor shall estimate the population of the several legislative districts by using the Federal census figures for wards and blocks within the City, or if that method is impractical, then by such other reliable method as may be feasible; and the Governor's determination of the population of each legislative district shall be conclusive. In the proclamation the Governor also shall announce the number of Delegates to which each county and legislative district is entitled according to the formula and requirements contained in this section. At the time of the next regular election to the House of Delegates following such proclamation the number of Delegates specified in the proclamation shall be elected in the counties and legislative districts respectively. The apportionment above made shall continue until changed under the provisions of this section.

(c) Each county and each legislative district of Baltimore City shall be entitled to the minimum representation in the House of Delegates provided for in sub-section (a) of this section. Additional representation, subject to a total of sixty-five (65) additional Delegates and based on the population of each county and each legislative district as determined by each official decennial Federal census, shall be in accordance with the following formula:

*The total population of the State according to the census shall be divided by the number sixty five (65). The resulting quotient, computed as the nearest whole number, is the unit of population necessary for an additional Delegate. The unit of population, as divisor, shall then be divided into the population of each county in the State and of each legislative district of Baltimore City which has a population in excess of the unit of population. Each county and legislative district shall receive an additional number of Delegates equal to the resulting quotient in each instance, dropping any fractional remainder. If the total number of Delegates so apportioned is fewer than one hundred and twenty three (123), additional Delegates shall be awarded in descending order to those counties or legislative districts having the highest fractional share of a unit of population as a remainder after the last mentioned quotients have been computed, until the total of one hundred and twenty three (123) Delegates is apportioned.*