

after, the membership and composition of the Senate of Maryland shall be as on January 1, 1965.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, enacted by the General Assembly at the Special Session of 1965 and concerning the subject matter of this Act (in addition to certain other matters) is submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection at the regular election in the month of November, 1966, and fails of adoption by the qualified voters of Maryland, this Act is repealed as of the date of the Governor's proclamation as to the rejection of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, with no further action required by the General Assembly; but nothing in this repeal affects the election, tenure, powers, or duties of Delegates and Senators in office at the time the repeal takes effect, for the remainder of the terms in which they are then serving.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any word, phrase, clause, section, or other provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of final appeal, the unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any other word, phrase, clause, section, or provision of this Act, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved October 27, 1965.

CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 8)

AN ACT to repeal Section 42 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1964 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Apportionment," and to enact in lieu thereof new Sections 42, 42A, 42B, 42C, 42D, and 42E, to stand in the place of the section so repealed, and to be under the new sub-headings "House of Delegates" and "Senate," revising the laws now providing for the apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates and in the Senate of Maryland; providing for the apportionment, membership, and election of members of the House of Delegates and of the Senate, and for the districts which are to be the basis of representation in each of the two Houses; imposing certain duties upon the Governor of Maryland in relation to such apportionment, representation, and districts; providing for the effect of this Act upon certain sections in Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland; providing for contingencies whereby part or all of this Act becomes no longer effective; PROVIDING FOR THE NON-EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER RE-APPORTIONMENT PLANS IN THE EVENT THAT THIS ACT IS FOUND TO BE VALID AND REQUIRING JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF THE VALIDITY OF THIS ACT; and re-