

(c) *In any such division, the county or Baltimore City shall be divided into districts under the formula in this subheading, with not fewer than four Delegates and not more than eight Delegates in any one district.*

(d) *Districts for membership in the House of Delegates shall be established by law, based substantially upon population, and as compact and contiguous as reasonably possible.*

(e) *All Delegates in a county which has districts shall be residents of and elected from their respective districts, and they shall not be elected from the entire county; and all Delegates in Baltimore City shall be residents of and elected from their respective districts, and they shall not be elected at large from Baltimore City. The Delegates shall have qualifications and residential requirements as provided in Section 9 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland.*

(f) *The offices of Delegates here specified are created in the several counties, Baltimore City, and districts as this subheading is applied from time to time; and they shall be filled from time to time under the regular provisions for election or replacement.*

#### **42C.**

(a) *Beginning in the year 1970 and continuing thereafter, within one month after the publication of any Federal decennial census the Governor by proclamation shall announce the population determined in the census for each county and for Baltimore City. In the proclamation the Governor also shall announce the total number of Delegates to which each county and Baltimore City is entitled, according to the formulas and provisions contained in this subheading.*

(b) *At a session of the General Assembly after the proclamation by the Governor, the General Assembly by statute shall fix the boundary lines of districts if they are required under this subheading in any county or Baltimore City; or, if a change in existing districts is necessary or desirable, these boundary lines shall be fixed agreeably to the requirements and specifications of this subheading for districts. If this statute is not enacted by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor by the day which is five months prior to the next ensuing primary election at which candidates for the House of Delegates will be nominated, the Governor, agreeably to the other provisions of this subheading and by proclamation issued and published not later than thirty days after the beginning of this five-month period, shall fix the boundary lines of districts in any county or Baltimore City; and the boundaries of the several districts as thus fixed by the Governor shall be the boundaries until they are changed pursuant to the provisions of this subheading or by the General Assembly prior to the next or any subsequent primary election for members of the House of Delegates.*

(c) *At the time of the next regular election for members of the General Assembly (including primary and general elections) after the district lines are set by statute or by proclamation of the Governor, the number of Delegates specified in the statute or proclamation shall be elected for each county, and the number provided for each legislative district that may be created and described in the statute or proclamation shall be elected. The apportionment thus made shall continue until changed under this subheading. Nothing in the*