

curing) That Sections 2, 4, 5 and 6 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 2, 4, 5 and 6 be and they are hereby enacted to stand in the place of the sections repealed, and that new Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland be and is hereby enacted to follow immediately after Section 2 thereof, the same if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland, and to read as follows:

2.

*The membership of the Senate shall consist of the forty-three (43) Senators. The membership of the House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred forty-two (142) Delegates. The membership of the Senate and the House of Delegates may be changed by law, but the number of Senators shall not exceed forty-three (43) and the number of Delegates shall not exceed one hundred forty-two (142).*

3.

*The State shall be divided by law into districts for the election of members of the Senate and into districts for the election of members of the House of Delegates. The number of Senators and Delegates to be elected from each of the legislative districts shall be prescribed by law, but not more than two Senators shall be elected from any senatorial district.*

4.

*Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory and shall be compact in form. The population represented by each Senator shall be substantially equal, as shall the population represented by each Delegate. THE RATIO OF THE NUMBER OF SENATORS TO POPULATION SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT; THE RATIO OF THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO POPULATION SHALL BE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME IN EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE ELECTION OF ONLY ONE DELEGATE FROM EACH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.*

5.

*Following each decennial census of the United States, the Governor shall prepare a plan for legislative districting and apportionment. The Governor shall present the plan to the General Assembly not later than the first day of its regular session in the second year following the census, and may call a special session to present it prior thereto. No change in the number of members of the Senate or House of Delegates shall be provided in this plan. Following each decennial census the General Assembly shall by law enact a plan for legislative districting and apportionment. If no plan has been enacted for these purposes by the forty-fifth day after the opening of the regular session of the General Assembly of the second year following the census, the plan presented to the General Assembly by the Governor shall become law. Upon petition of any registered voter, the Court of Appeals shall have original jurisdiction to review the*