

MEMBERSHIP OF BOTH HOUSES SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PRESCRIBE BY LAW THE RATIO OF THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, BUT THE RATIO SHALL NOT BE GREATER THAN FOUR TO ONE.

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.] *The State shall be divided by law into forty-seven (47) legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates. One Senator and three Delegates shall be elected from each legislative district IN THOSE DISTRICTS WHICH INCLUDE PART OR ALL OF TWO OR MORE COUNTIES, NONE OF THOSE INCLUDED COUNTIES SHALL HAVE MORE THAN ONE RESIDENT DELEGATE FROM THAT DISTRICT UNLESS ALL COUNTIES IN THAT DISTRICT HAVE AT LEAST ONE RESIDENT DELEGATE FROM ANY DISTRICT OF WHICH THAT COUNTY IS A PART; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SINGLE MEMBER SUB-DISTRICTS MAY BE CREATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.*

*THE STATE SHALL BE DIVIDED BY LAW INTO DISTRICTS FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. SENATORIAL DISTRICTS SHALL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR WHOLE DELEGATE DISTRICTS OR ONE OR MORE MULTI-MEMBER DELEGATE DISTRICTS REPRESENTING A TOTAL OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR DELEGATES.*

4.

Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory [and] , [shall] be compact in form [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.] , *and of substantially equal population.*

5.

Following each decennial census of the United States, the Governor shall prepare a plan [for legislative districting and apportionment] *setting forth the boundaries of the forty-seven (47) legislative districts for the election of members of the Senate and the House of Delegates.* The Governor shall present the plan to the General Assembly not later than the first day of its regular session in the [second] *third year following the 1970 census and in the second year following every census thereafter, and the Governor may call a special session to present [it] the plan prior [thereto] to the*