

Court Order

IN THE MATTER OF  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTING  
OF THE STATE

\* In the  
\* Court of Appeals  
\* of Maryland  
\* Misc. Nos. 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27  
\* 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34  
\* September Term, 2001

ORDER

In an Order dated June 11, 2002, the Court of Appeals of Maryland declared that, for reasons to be stated in an opinion later to be filed, significant portions of the 2002 Legislative Redistricting Plan violated the Maryland Constitution, and that the Plan was, therefore, invalid. The Court further stated that it would endeavor to prepare a constitutional plan with the assistance of technical consultants which the Court subsequently appointed in accordance with its Order dated June 17, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is this 21st day of June, 2002,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, with Judge Raker dissenting, that the following legislative districting plan be promulgated and adopted:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

(a) The State of Maryland is divided into 47 districts for the election of members of the General Assembly of Maryland.

(b) Each legislative district shall elect 1 Senator and 3 Delegates.

(c) Each legislative district may be subdivided into 3 single member delegate districts or into 1 single member delegate district and 1 multimember delegate district.

(d) In any legislative district which contains more than 2 counties:

(1) where Delegates are to be elected at large by the voters of the entire district, a county, or part of a county, may not have more than 1 Delegate residing in that district; and

(2) where Delegates are to be elected by the voters of a multimember subdistrict which contains more than 2 counties or parts of more than 2 counties, a county or a part of a county may not have more than 1 Delegate residing in that subdistrict.

(e) (1) The descriptions of legislative districts in this order, including all references to:

(i) election districts and wards are to the geographical boundaries of the election districts and wards as they existed as of April 1, 2000; and

(ii) precincts are to the geographical boundaries of the precincts as reviewed and certified by the local board of supervisors of elections or their designees, before they were reported to the U.S. Bureau of the Census as part of the 2000 Census Redistricting Data Program and as those precinct lines are specifically indicated in the P.L. 94-171 data or shown on the P.L. 94-171 census block maps provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and as reviewed and corrected by the Maryland Department of Planning.

(2) Where precincts are split between legislative districts, census tract and block numbers, as indicated in the P.L. 94-171 data or shown on the P.L. 94-171 census block maps provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census and referred to in § 2-202, are used to define the boundaries of legislative districts.

(f) For purposes of elections, the provisions of this order shall be applicable to