

SENATE BILL 805

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Constitution – Congressional Districts – Requirements as to**
3 **Territory, Form, and Boundaries**

4 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to specify
5 that the districts for the election of members of the Congress of the United
6 States shall conform to certain requirements as to territory, form, natural
7 boundaries, and political subdivision boundaries; and submitting this
8 amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or
9 rejection.

10 BY proposing an addition to the Maryland Constitution
11 Article XV – Miscellaneous
12 Section 12

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
15 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

16 **Article XV – Miscellaneous**

17 **12.**

18 **WITH DUE REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF**
19 **THE UNITED STATES AND FEDERAL LAW, EACH DISTRICT FOR THE ELECTION OF**
20 **A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL CONSIST OF**
21 **ADJOINING TERRITORY, BE COMPACT IN FORM, AND ENSURE THAT DUE REGARD**
22 **IS GIVEN TO NATURAL BOUNDARIES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF POLITICAL**
23 **SUBDIVISIONS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
2 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act
3 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the
4 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
5 apply.

6 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
7 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
8 qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November, 2012
9 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution.
10 At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution
11 shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the
12 Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now
13 provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the
14 Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article
15 XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with
16 Article XIV.