

SENATE BILL 506

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senators Jacobs, Colburn, Getty, Glassman, Jennings, Pipkin, Reilly, Shank, Simonaire, and Stone**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Legislative Redistricting – Exclusion of Noncitizens**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the General Assembly legislative districts
4 established following each decennial census include in the population count only
5 those individuals residing in the district who are citizens of the United States
6 and of Maryland; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the
7 State for their adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
9 Article III – Legislative Department
10 Section 4

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

14 **Article III – Legislative Department**

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16 Each legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form,
17 [and] BE of substantially equal population, AND INCLUDE IN THE POPULATION
18 COUNT ONLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT WHO ARE
19 CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE. Due regard shall be given
20 to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
22 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act
23 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
2 apply.

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