

# HOUSE BILL 958

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HB 724/19 – HRU

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legislative Districts – Single-Member Delegate Districts**  
3 **(One Person One Vote Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require each  
5 legislative district to be subdivided into single-member delegate districts; and  
6 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or  
7 rejection.

8 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution  
9 Article III – Legislative Department  
10 Section 3

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

14 **Article III – Legislative Department**

15 3.

16 The State shall be divided by law into legislative districts for the election of members  
17 of the Senate and the House of Delegates. Each legislative district shall contain one (1)  
18 Senator and three (3) Delegates. [Nothing herein shall prohibit the subdivision of any one  
19 or more of the legislative districts for the purpose of electing members of the House of  
20 Delegates into three (3) single-member delegate districts or one (1) single-member  
21 delegate district and one (1) multi-member delegate district.] **EACH LEGISLATIVE**  
22 **DISTRICT SHALL BE SUBDIVIDED INTO THREE (3) SINGLE-MEMBER DELEGATE**  
23 **DISTRICTS.**

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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 Section 1 of this  
3 Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland  
4 Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

5       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendment to the  
6 Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the qualified  
7 voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2020 for adoption or  
8 rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution. At that general election,  
9 the vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and on each  
10 ballot there shall be printed the words “For the Constitutional Amendment” and “Against  
11 the Constitutional Amendment”, as now provided by law. Immediately after the election,  
12 all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed  
13 amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further  
14 proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.