

R002-0708

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EQUITY OF REPRESENTATION IN**
20 **MARYLAND GOVERNMENT**

30 **WHEREAS:** It has been 25 years since a citizen of Maryland's Eastern Shore has been
40 elected Governor; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** It has been 62 years since a citizen of one of Maryland's westernmost
60 counties has been elected Governor; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Seven citizens from the city of Baltimore have served as Governor for a
80 total of over 54 years in the past century; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Constitution of 1851, following an 1836 amendment to the
100 previous constitution, districted the state for the election of the Governor; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Each Governor under this districting system had to be chosen from a
120 rotation of the districts.

130 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
140 recommends that the Maryland General Assembly propose an amendment to the
150 Constitution of Maryland mandating that Governors of Maryland be selected from
160 rotating districts; and,

170 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That such an amendment district Maryland thusly:
180 Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and
190 Worcester counties in one district; Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll,
200 Baltimore and Harford counties into a second district; Montgomery, Howard, Prince
210 George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties into a third district;
220 and the city of Baltimore into a fourth district.

230 **MANDATES:** Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate
240 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates
250 Edward J. Kasemeyer, Senate Majority Leader
260 David R. Brinkley, Senate Minority Leader
270 Kumar P. Barve, House Majority Leader
280 Anthony J. O'Donnell, House Minority Leader

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