Recommended Congressional Plan

Governor’s Redistricting Advisory Committee

Exhibit 32
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• Membership
  – Jeanne Hitchcock, Chair
  – Senate President Miller
  – House Speaker Busch
  – Richard Stewart
  – James King

• Public Input
  – 12 Regional Hearings Across the State close to 1000 Marylanders.
  – 350 total Comments (3rd Party Plans, testimony at meetings, written).
Recommended Plan Highlights

• Approximately 70% of Marylanders stay in their current Congressional District.
• Plan reflects population changes over past decade.
• Plan does not draw any incumbent member of Congress out of his / her district.
• District by District description follows.
District 1: Eastern Shore

- 9 Eastern Shore Counties are kept together.
- District no longer crosses the Chesapeake Bay into more urban areas of Anne Arundel County, instead runs into rural portions of Carroll County.
- Harford County is no longer split into 3 Congressional Districts, a desire expressed by residents.
Districts 2, 3, and 7: Baltimore Region

• **District 7** remains a district based in Baltimore City, with surrounding portions of Howard and Baltimore Counties that are primarily in the current 7th District.

• **District 3** remains a Central Maryland district that incorporates portions of the Baltimore and suburban Washington regions because of population growth in Central, MD.
District 2

• Retains its character as a BRAC corridor district, anchored on the Northeastern edge by Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Chesapeake Bay shoreline of Harford County, through the Baltimore region, and anchored on the Southern edge by Fort George G. Meade.

• This configuration includes communities along the Upper Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay and allows for the residents most impacted by the Base Realignment and Closure process to elect a Congressman capable of focusing on this important issue.
Harford County (parts of Districts 1 & 2)
Districts 4, 5, 6 & 8: Greater Washington, D.C. Region

- Public testimony in this region expressed a desire to have a Congressional map that better reflects patterns in this region – the growth in Southern Maryland from Prince George’s County, and the growth of the suburbs along the I-270 Corridor.
- Districts 4 & 5 - the Committee drew 2 districts that are based in Southern Maryland/Prince George’s County.
- District 4 connects communities of Central and Upper Prince George’s and Anne Arundel Counties, and District 5 connects communities of Upper and Southeastern Prince George’s County with Anne Arundel County and Southern Maryland.
- Within Prince George’s County, the Committee kept existing communities within their current Congressional districts, to the extent possible.
- Both districts retain the important State and Federal facilities currently within the districts. For instance in the 4th District: the Census Bureau in Suitland, Andrews Airforce Base, etc., and the District is anchored by the National Harbor complex.
Districts 6 & 8 - based in Montgomery County and the I-270 Corridor, into Western Maryland.

Consistent with public testimony to the Committee, the proposed map eliminates the current overlap of districts in Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties (District 8 into Prince George’s and District 4 into Montgomery).

District 8 includes southern Montgomery County, areas east of the I-270 Corridor, and includes portions of eastern Frederick County and western Carroll County.
The Committee focused on the current alignment of District 5, which encompasses the Patuxent Naval Air Station, Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center, NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, the National Archives II, the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, other vital federal facilities, and related research and economic development resources at the University of Maryland, College Park.
Districts 6 & 8: Montgomery County Area

- Configured to reflect the North-South connections between Montgomery County, the I-270 Corridor, and western portions of the State.
- Per public testimony, the Plan reduces the number of Congressional Districts in Prince George’s County from 3 to 2, and re-orient the Montgomery County districts to reflect population trends.
District 6 & 8: Western Maryland, Frederick, and Montgomery Counties

District 6 keeps Western MD together (all of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties), continuing along the Potomac River, connecting portions of Frederick and Montgomery Counties, and incorporates the I-270 Corridor in Montgomery and Frederick Counties.

District 8 - includes Southern Montgomery County, areas east of the I-270 Corridor, and includes portions of eastern Frederick County and western Carroll County.