

IN THE MATTER OF

2022 LEGISLATIVE

DISTRICTING OF THE STATE

* **IN THE**
* **COURT OF APPEALS**
* **OF MARYLAND**
* **MISC. NOS.**
* **21, 24, 25, 26, 27**
* **SEPTEMBER TERM, 2021**

ORDER

The Court of Appeals of Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of Article III, § 5 of the Constitution of Maryland and vested with original jurisdiction to review the legislative districting plan upon petition of any registered voter, has received timely-filed petitions on or before February 10, 2022, challenging the validity of the 2022 legislative districting plan enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland as Senate Joint Resolution 2.

Now, therefore, it is this 11th day of February, 2022, ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that

- (1) Miscellaneous Numbers 21, 24, 25, 26, and 27 are consolidated for purposes of oral argument to be scheduled by future Order(s) of this Court;
- (2) Pursuant to this Court's February 3, 2022 Amended Order, these consolidated petitions are hereby referred to Special Magistrate Alan M. Wilner;
- (3) Subject to the Special Magistrate's February 7, 2022 Scheduling Conference Order, the Special Magistrate shall conduct a virtual scheduling conference to schedule future proceedings;
- (4) The following deadlines are amended for the 2022 Primary for the Gubernatorial Elections, scheduled for June 28, 2022:
 - (a) The deadline of Tuesday, February 22, 2022, established pursuant to Maryland Code, (1957, 2017 Repl. Vol., 2021 Supp.), Election Law ("EL") § 5-303, for filing of certificates of candidacy, is extended to Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 p.m.;

(b) The deadline of Friday, March 4, 2022, established pursuant to EL § 5-502(a), for candidates to withdraw a certificate of candidacy, is extended to Thursday, March 24, 2022;

(c) The deadline of Tuesday, March 8, 2022, established pursuant to EL § 5-901, to fill a vacancy in candidacy for a primary election, is extended to Monday, March 28, 2022;

(d) The deadline of Wednesday, March 9, 2022, established pursuant to EL § 5-305, to challenge a candidate's residency, is extended to Tuesday, March 29, 2022;

(e) Upon review of the Attorney General of Maryland's Motion, filed Friday, January 28, 2022, and related submissions, and pursuant to EL § 9-207, the Maryland State Board of Elections is authorized to adjust any deadlines related to certifying, displaying, and printing ballots.

/s/ Joseph M. Getty
Joseph M. Getty
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: February 11, 2022

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson
Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

*Judge Gould did not participate in the Court's deliberations concerning this Order.