



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
01.01.2026.14

Proclamation Convening the General Assembly of Maryland in  
Extraordinary Session at Annapolis, Maryland Commencing August 3, 2026

WHEREAS, The Moore-Miller Administration is committed to preserving Marylanders' voting rights and fair representation, which form the foundation of our democracy, as these bedrock principles come under attack across the country;

WHEREAS, We are seeing coordinated efforts to weaken voting rights, dilute Black representation, and bend the rules of democracy for partisan gain, through the dismantling of the Voting Rights Act;

WHEREAS, Until this country adopts national redistricting reform, Maryland will fight to ensure that our State has the tools necessary to protect voters and defend fair representation, and

WHEREAS, My Administration is committed to working with the General Assembly to clarify the constitutional standards that govern the establishment of the State of Maryland's federal congressional districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 16, OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND CONVENE A SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND TO COMMENCE ON AUGUST 3, 2026, IN THE STATE CAPITAL IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PASSING LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY AND REAFFIRM THAT THE PROVISIONS WHICH GOVERN THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS DO NOT APPLY TO MARYLAND'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, effective this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2026.



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Wes Moore  
Governor



ATTEST:



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Susan C. Lee  
Secretary of State