

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2026, Legislative Day No. 3

Resolution No. 3-26

Introduced by Mr. Volke, Ms. Leadbetter, and Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, February 2, 2026

1 RESOLUTION urging members of the General Assembly to oppose House Bill 488
2 Election Districts – General Assembly and Representatives in Congress

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4 WHEREAS, House Bill 488, currently before the General Assembly, proposes to
5 redraw the State's eight congressional districts for the 2026 election seven years
6 ahead of any legal requirement; and

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8 WHEREAS, the proposed new congressional map in House Bill 488 creates non-
9 contiguous districts that represent unequal population distribution in violation of
10 State and federal law; and

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12 WHEREAS, House Bill 488 further proposes an amendment to the State
13 Constitution that would allow the State to use these maps for 2028 and 2030; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Legislative Services noted that the State and local
16 election boards will need additional financial resources to implement the
17 redistricting plan in House Bill 488 in a short amount of time, pushing the cost of
18 this proposal on to local jurisdictions; and

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20 WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill 488 would result in the long-term
21 disenfranchisement of Maryland residents for short-term political gains; now,
22 therefore, be it

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24 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland*, That it hereby
25 urges members of the General Assembly to oppose House Bill 488 Election Districts –
26 General Assembly and Representatives in Congress; and be it further

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28 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Wes Moore; the Anne
29 Arundel County Senate Delegation to the General Assembly; and the Anne Arundel
30 County House Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly.