

## CHAPTER 538.

AN ACT entitled an act to repeal and re-enact with amendments section fifty-four, of article thirty-three, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," and to add new sections thereto under the designations of sections one hundred and twenty-eight, one hundred and twenty-nine, one hundred and thirty, one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred and thirty-two, one hundred and thirty-three, one hundred and thirty-four, one hundred and thirty-five, one hundred and thirty-six, one hundred and thirty-seven, one hundred and thirty-eight, one hundred and thirty-nine, one hundred and forty, one hundred and forty-one, one hundred and forty-two, one hundred and forty-three, one hundred and forty-four, one hundred and forty-five, one hundred and forty-six, one hundred and forty-seven, one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty-nine, one hundred and fifty, one hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-two, one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and fifty-five, one hundred and fifty-six, one hundred and fifty-seven, one hundred and fifty eight, one hundred and fifty-nine, one hundred and sixty, one hundred and sixty-one, one hundred and sixty-two, one hundred and sixty-three, one hundred and sixty-four, one hundred and sixty-five and one hundred and sixty-six.

**Repeal** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section fifty-four, of article thirty-three, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," be repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

**Shall deliver** 54. Every voter shall deliver to the judges of election in the district or precinct in which he offers to vote, one official ballot to be furnished to him in the manner stated in section one hundred and fifty-four of this article, and the ballot so delivered to and received by the judges of election shall be deposited in the ballot-box until the polls be closed, subject to the limitation hereinafter stated; one accredited representative or challenger of each and every political party whose candidates are voted for at each election, to be designated in writing by such candidates, and in case of his necessary absence, a substitute similarly selected shall be entitled to be admitted into and remain in the polling room from the opening until the close of the election, and until the vote has been counted and the result ascertained, and a refusal to permit any such representative shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by

**Challenger**