

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 25, 1972.

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CHAPTER 6

(Senate Bill 374)

AN ACT to add new Section 12-1 (a-1) to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Presidential Primaries and Conventions," to follow immediately after Section 12-1 (a) (5) thereof, to provide for the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention and the procedures relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 12-1 (a-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Presidential Primaries and Conventions," to follow immediately after Section 12-1 (a) (5) thereof and to read as follows:

12-1.

*(a-1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the following procedure shall govern the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention: The Republican State Central Committee shall certify to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws the number of delegates to be elected from each congressional district and the number of delegates to be elected at large, respectively, as provided in the Rules of the Republican National Convention, not later than the first day of March in each year in which national conventions for the nomination of President and Vice-President are held.*

*The selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention shall be as follows:*

*(1) Election of District Delegates. There shall be elected at the primary election the number of delegates from each congressional district as provided in the Rules of the Republican National Convention. Each delegate may have placed adjacent to his name on the ballot the name of a presidential candidate, provided that the written permission of the presidential candidate has been received by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws at least 53 days prior to the date of the primary election.*

*(2) Election of At-Large Delegates. There shall be elected by the Republican State Central Committee the number of at-large delegates as provided in the Rules of the Republican National Convention.*