

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 1-101(vv) through (zz), respectively, of Article - Election Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 1-101(wv) through (aaa), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Election Law

1-101.

(ll) "Provisional ballot" means a ballot [distributed to an individual after the individual has completed a temporary certificate of registration] THAT IS CAST BY AN INDIVIDUAL BUT NOT COUNTED UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL'S QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE LOCAL BOARD.

(VV) "VOTE" MEANS TO CAST A BALLOT THAT IS COUNTED.

2-102.

(b) In exercising its authority under this article and in order to ensure compliance with this article and with any requirements of federal law, the State Board shall:

- (1) supervise the conduct of elections in the State;
- (2) direct, support, monitor, and evaluate the activities of each local board;
- (3) have a staff sufficient to perform its functions;
- (4) adopt regulations to implement its powers and duties;
- (5) receive, and in its discretion audit, campaign finance reports;
- (6) appoint a State Administrator in accordance with § 2-103 of this subtitle;
- (7) maximize the use of technology in election administration, including the development of a plan for a comprehensive computerized elections management system;
- (8) canvass and certify the results of elections as prescribed by law;
- (9) make available to the general public, in a timely and efficient manner, information on the electoral process, including a publication that includes the text of this article, relevant portions of the Maryland Constitution, and information gathered and maintained regarding elections;
- (10) subject to §§ 2-106 and 13-341 of this article, receive, maintain, and serve as a depository for elections documents, materials, records, statistics, reports, certificates, proclamations, and other information prescribed by law or regulation; [and]