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CHAPTER 699

(House Bill 882)

AN ACT concerning

Elections - Preservation of Reports

FOR the purpose of requiring custodians of election reports, statements [[and]], accounts, and certificates of candidacy and of nomination to keep these [[reports, statements and accounts until the next election for the office to which they relate]] records for a certain length of time; and providing for their transfer to the State Hall of Records [[for permanent maintenance]].

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code Section 26-14 and 8-3 Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That [[Section]] Sections 26-14 and 8-3 of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and [[it is]] they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

26-14.

[[Every officer or board with whom reports, statements or accounts are required by any section of this article to be filed, shall receive, file, and preserve the reports, statements and accounts in his office, and shall keep all of the same as part of the records of his office [for at least two years after the election to which they relate or for at least one year after the date for the filing of the final report or statement required by § 26-11 in connection with that election, whichever is later, or for longer if so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Before disposing of any reports, statements or accounts, the officer or board with whom they were filed shall make a permanent record of all election reports required to have been filed by § 26-11 but which have not been filed. The permanent record shall include the name of the candidate