

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 790

(House Bill 1591)

AN ACT concerning

Primary and General Elections - Sudden Vacancies

FOR the purpose of providing procedures to be followed under certain circumstances in the event of the withdrawal, death, or disqualification of a candidate prior to a primary election or the declination, death, or disqualification of a nominee prior to a general election; specifying certain time parameters for the application of these procedures; and providing that these procedures do not apply to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 9-1 and 9-5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 9-6 and 9-7
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

9-1.

The times designated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section for declining nominations and for withdrawal of certificates of candidacy and for board offices to be open are mandatory and the provisions of these paragraphs shall also be applicable to municipal elections in Baltimore City.