

(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;

(11) prescribe all forms required under this article; and

(12) serve as the official designated office in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act for providing information regarding voter registration and absentee ballot procedures for absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters with respect to elections for federal office.

(C) THE POWERS AND DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE STATE BOARD UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE EXERCISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY A SUPERMAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD.

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(b) Each local board, in accordance with the provisions of this article and regulations adopted by the State Board, shall:

(1) oversee the conduct of all elections held in its county and ensure that the elections process is conducted in an open, convenient, and impartial manner;

(2) pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, or its county merit system, whichever is applicable, appoint an election director to manage the operations and supervise the staff of the local board;

(3) maintain an office and be open for business as provided in this article, and provide the supplies and equipment necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of voter registration and election, including:

(i) supplies and equipment required by the State Board; and

(ii) office and polling place equipment expenses;

(4) adopt any regulation it considers necessary to perform its duties under this article, which regulation shall become effective when it is filed with and approved by the State Board;

(5) serve as the local board of canvassers and certify the results of each election conducted by the local board;

(6) establish and alter the boundaries and number of precincts in accordance with § 2-303 of this title, and provide a suitable polling place for each precinct, and assign voters to precincts;

(7) provide to the general public timely information and notice, by publication or mail, concerning voter registration and elections;