

~~each election; granting authority to certain entities to select early voting polling places; establishing that each local board of elections has the final authority to select the geographic locations for certain early voting polling places; requiring the local boards of elections to establish the early voting polling places in each county; requiring the local boards in certain counties to establish at least a certain number of early voting polling places for each primary or general election; requiring the Governor to allocate certain resources to implement this Act; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations and guidelines by a certain date; making certain provisions of law applicable to early voting; and generally relating to early voting in elections in the State.~~

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 10-301.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

10-301.1.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE, A VOTER SHALL VOTE:

(1) IN THE VOTER'S ASSIGNED PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY; OR

(2) IN AN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) EACH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE SHALL BE OPEN FOR VOTING:

(1) BEGINNING THE ~~EIGHTH DAY~~ TUESDAY BEFORE A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION THROUGH THE ~~FRIDAY~~ SATURDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION; AND

(2) 8 HOURS EACH DAY DURING THE PERIOD SPECIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ~~INCLUDING EACH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.~~

~~(C) (1) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE LOCAL ELECTION DIRECTOR, THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SET THE NUMBER OF EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES THAT EACH LOCAL BOARD MUST ESTABLISH.~~

~~(2) (1) THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES SHALL BE SELECTED IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS BY:~~

~~(1) 1. THE PRINCIPAL MAJORITY POLITICAL PARTY; AND~~

~~(2) 2. THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY POLITICAL PARTY; AND~~