

## CHAPTER 385

(House Bill 77).

AN ACT concerning

## Election Code - Write-In Candidates

FOR the purpose of providing a definition of "write-in candidate"; providing that a certificate of candidacy shall be filed by a certain date by a write-in candidate or by a committee authorized by the write-in candidate to promote the write-in candidate's candidacy; providing that a certificate of candidacy may not be filed later than a certain time on the day preceding the day of a certain election; and providing that the board of canvassers shall transmit a statement of returns to certain candidates.

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 1-1(a)(20)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 4D-1 and 17-5(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume)

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

## Article 33 - Election Code

1-1.

(a) As used in this article the following terms shall have the meanings indicated unless a contrary meaning is clearly intended from the context in which the term appears:

(20) "WRITE-IN CANDIDATE" MEANS A PERSON WHOSE NAME WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT BUT WHO HAS--FILED FILES A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4D-1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4D-1.

‡(a) Any person or combination of two or more persons who expends \$51 or more to organize, promote, or assist in any manner