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Governor

House Bill No. 420

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Deadline for Changing
Party Affiliation

FOR the purpose of altering certain deadlines for changes in party affiliation by registered voters ~~so--that--these deadlines-are-the-same-as-the-deadlines-fer--the--filing--of certain--certificates--of--candidacy--prior--to--regular-and special--primary--elections;~~ making technical and stylistic changes; and generally relating to changes in party affiliation by registered voters, ~~and--providing--that--this Act-is-an-emergency-measure.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 3-8 and ~~4A-3~~ 3-9A(a), 4A-3, and 7-1(b)(3)
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

3-8.

(a) (1) No person may register after the fifth Monday preceding or during the [ten] 10 days following a primary or special primary election; nor may he ANY PERSON register after the fifth Monday preceding or during the [fifteen] 15 days following a general or special election.

(2) On the fifth Monday preceding any election, the local board shall accept registration by mail applications until the board office closes.

(3) Any registered voter who moves from the address specified in the voter's registration or changes his name, within 30 days thereafter, shall notify the board of the voter's former and new addresses or former and new names, as the case may be.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph [(2)] (4) of this subsection, a registered voter may change his party affiliation, or change to or from a decline, at any time except: