

(3) Change the boundaries of any election precinct in the counties or Baltimore City, as the case may be;

(4) Designate new polling places in any such election district, ward, or precinct as they may deem necessary, or change the location of an existing polling place;

(5) Combine or abolish precincts as may be necessary.

(b) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A precinct may not be created, nor any precinct boundary change made, nor any new polling places in any election district or precinct be created, except in emergencies, nor any precincts be combined or abolished, after the Tuesday which is 13 weeks prior to any primary election, nor shall any precinct be created, combined, or abolished between any primary and general election.

(C) ANY PRECINCT BOUNDARY ESTABLISHED BY A LOCAL BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1987, SHALL FOLLOW VISIBLE FEATURES AS DEFINED BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

(D) (1) UNLESS THE CHANGE IS APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTION LAWS, DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 8, 1987, THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 1992, A NEW PRECINCT MAY NOT BE CREATED AND A PRECINCT BOUNDARY MAY NOT BE CHANGED.

(2) WITHIN 5 DAYS OF MAKING SUCH A CHANGE, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL SEND TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW BOUNDARY AND A MAP SHOWING THE BOUNDARY.

(3) THE STATE BOARD SHALL IMMEDIATELY FORWARD THE DESCRIPTION AND THE MAP TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE PLANNING AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

[(c)] (E) Whenever the board subdivides into precincts any election district, or ward; or subdivides any election precinct, or changes the boundaries of any election precinct, or designates new polling places or changes the location of any existing polling place, or combines or abolishes any precincts in any such election district or precinct, it shall:

(1) Provide for and cause to be prepared such additional sets of cards or loose-leaf pages as may be required for transcribing the names of registered voters transferred to such newly established precinct or polling place in any election district, ward, or precinct, and to correct and transfer the registration forms or cards of the registered voters affected thereby.

(2) Except in emergencies, notify the voters affected by the change by mail within 30 days after such change. In cases