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Section 1-1(a)(10)

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Section 2-7(a) *and 2-8*

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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:

(5B) “DECLINE” MEANS ANY VOTER WHO HAS DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

(10) “Judge” means any person designated as a judge of election and shall include book judges and machine attendants.

2-7.

(a) (1) Each board biennially shall appoint for each precinct, at least four [(4)] judges. [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN equal number of such judges shall be selected from the majority party and the principal minority party in the State; and the board in making any ~~such appointments~~ APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION shall designate the persons intended by it to represent each ~~such~~ political party. The board may require the attendance of these persons before it for examination with respect to their qualifications.

~~(2) IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR A PRECINCT IS EIGHT OR MORE, THEN UP TO 25% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES APPOINTED FOR THE PRECINCT MAY BE DECLINES. THE BOARD MAY NOT APPOINT A DECLINE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF JUDGE.~~

(2) IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR A PRECINCT IS EIGHT OR MORE, THEN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO ARE DECLINES MAY NOT EXCEED THE LESSER OF:

(1) THE NUMBER OF JUDGES WHO BELONG TO THE MAJORITY PARTY;

OR