

CHAPTER 672
(Senate Bill 482)

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws – Recounts

FOR the purpose of authorizing recounts in general or special elections; *specifying that a petition for recount for a statewide or other multijurisdiction office may be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws; directing the State Board to coordinate a multijurisdiction recount; specifying that a judge of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall set the bond in a multijurisdiction recount;* and generally relating to recounts in general or special elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 13-1, ~~13-2~~, 13-3, and 13-7 to be under the amended subtitle “Contested ~~Nominations at~~ Elections”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 33 – Election Code

~~Contested Nominations at~~ [Primary] Elections

13-1.

(A) Within ten days after the day of any primary, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL election, or within two days after the results of the canvass are declared official, any candidate for a nomination or for delegate to any convention or for member of a central committee or position who has been defeated on the face of the returns may petition the board for an appeal from and review of the action and decision of the judges in counting the ballots and for a recanvass and recount of the ballots cast in any or all of the precincts of any county or Baltimore City or ward or legislative district or political division therein. ~~If the candidate was a candidate for a State office or for Congress or for judge he may petition for said recount in two or more counties or legislative districts or wards or precincts of Baltimore City simultaneously.~~

(B) IF THE ELECTION IS FOR A STATEWIDE OFFICE, OR FOR AN OFFICE TO REPRESENT A DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, THE PETITIONER MAY FILE:

(1) SEPARATE PETITIONS IN ONE OR MORE COUNTIES SIMULTANEOUSLY;

OR