

FOR the purpose of authorizing ~~a person who has declined to affiliate with a political party to serve as an election judge under certain circumstances; requiring that, for each precinct, the sum of the number of judges who belong to the majority party and the number of judges who belong to the principal minority party may not be less than a certain number; allowing an election board to designate as a chief judge only a person who belongs to either the majority party or the principal minority party; requiring that under certain circumstances, the substitution of an election judge who has declined to affiliate with a party be with another person who has declined to affiliate with a party~~ *the boards of supervisors of elections to appoint as election judges a certain number of registered voters who decline to affiliate with any political party; specifying the circumstances under which such judges may be appointed; requiring a board to first make an effort to appoint as election judges registered voters who belong to the majority party and the principal minority party; specifying that a board may not appoint as chief judge an individual who declines to affiliate with any political party; making certain technical changes; defining a certain term;* and generally relating to the appointment of judges of elections *election judges*.

*BY adding to*

*Article 33 — Election Code*

*Section 1-1(a)(5B)*

*Annotated Code of Maryland*

*(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)*

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section ~~1-1(a)(11)~~ *1-1(a)(10) and (11)*

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 2-7(a) ~~and (e)~~ and 2-8

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**

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.*