

CHAPTER 41

(Senate Bill 73)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law - Write-In Candidates

FOR the purpose of providing for the official reporting by certain boards of canvassers of write-in votes for certified write-in candidates; and generally relating to write-in candidates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 11-401

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

11-401.

(a) (1) After each election, each board of canvassers shall transmit one certified copy of the election results in its county, attested by the signatures of the chairperson and secretary of the board of canvassers, to:

- (i) The Governor;
- (ii) The State Board of Elections; and
- (iii) The clerk of the circuit court for the appropriate county.

(2) The statement may be mailed or delivered in person.

(B) AFTER EACH GENERAL ELECTION IN WHICH VOTES HAVE BEEN CAST FOR A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, EACH BOARD OF CANVASSERS SHALL TRANSMIT A STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF THE VOTES CAST FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.

[(b)](C) (1) The transmittal shall be made on the second Friday after a primary or general election or, if the canvass is completed after that date, within 48 hours after the completion of the canvass.

(2) After a special primary or special election, the transmittal shall be made as soon as possible, but no later than the second Thursday after the election.

[(c)](D) The clerk of the circuit court shall enter of record the election results filed with the court under this section.