

(5) May, after a hearing, if one is requested by the tenant, order, if no repairs are made or if no good faith effort to repair is made within six months of the initial decision to place money in the escrow account, that the moneys in the escrow account be disbursed to the tenant. Such an order will not discharge the right on the part of the tenant to pay rent into court and an appeal will stay the forfeiture; or

(6) May, after an appropriate hearing, order that the moneys in the escrow account be disbursed to the landlord if the tenant does not regularly pay, into that account, the rent owed.

(o) Except as provided in § 8-211.1(e) of this subtitle, in the event any county or Baltimore City is subject to a public local law or has enacted an ordinance or ordinances comparable in subject matter to this section, commonly referred to as a "Rent Escrow Law", any such ordinance or ordinances shall supersede the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

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**CHAPTER 310**

**(House Bill 1229)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election - Compensation of Election Judges - Prince George's County**

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FOR the purpose of increasing the compensation of election judges in Prince George's County by a certain amount; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent election judges in Prince George's County; and generally relating to the compensation of election judges in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 10-205(b)(5)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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