

11-303.1.

(A) A CANDIDATE OR INDIVIDUAL WHO VOTED USING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION OF A LOCAL BOARD TO REJECT, OR NOT TO REJECT, A PROVISIONAL BALLOT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY.

(B) THE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 5 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE COMPLETION OF THE OFFICIAL CANVASS BY THE BOARD OF ALL THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION.

(C) THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD DE NOVO, WITHOUT A JURY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(D) (1) THE DECISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, PROVIDED THE APPEAL IS TAKEN WITHIN 48 HOURS FROM THE ENTRY OF THE DECISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

(2) THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED ON THE ORIGINAL PAPERS, INCLUDING A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT OF THE TESTIMONY TAKEN IN THE CASE.

(3) THE ORIGINAL PAPERS AND THE TRANSCRIPT SHALL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS WITHIN 5 DAYS FROM THE TAKING OF THE APPEAL, AND THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 1-101(ff) through (qq), respectively, of Article 33 — Election Code of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 1-101(gg) through (rr), respectively.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

Article 33 — Election Code

~~1-101.~~

~~(ff) "PROVISIONAL BALLOT" MEANS A BALLOT DISTRIBUTED TO AN INDIVIDUAL ON ELECTION DAY BY THE LOCAL BOARD AT THE PRECINCT WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL HAS COMPLETED A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.~~

~~3-202.~~

~~(a) (1) The statewide voter registration application shall:~~

~~(i) [State the qualifications to become a registered voter;~~

~~(ii)] Require the signature of the applicant, subject to the penalties of perjury, by which the applicant swears or affirms that the information contained in the registration application is true and that the applicant meets all of the qualifications to become a registered voter;~~