

CHAPTER 222
(Senate Bill 244)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law - Presidential Election Procedures - Deadlines

FOR the purpose of altering certain deadlines and procedures relating to certain candidates as presidential or vice presidential nominees; altering the withdrawal deadline for certain candidates; altering the deadline for naming a replacement candidate for a presidential delegate; specifying a period in which a petition candidate may file as a presidential nominee; specifying a date prior to a general election by which a political party must certify its presidential electors to the State Board; altering the dates by which the State Board must certify the content and arrangement of the primary ballot in the year of a presidential election; and generally relating to certain procedures, deadlines, and requirements relating to the presidential election process.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

Section 5-301, 5-502, 8-501 through 8-503, and 9-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Election Law

5-301.

(a) An individual may become a candidate for a public or party office only if:

(1) the individual files a certificate of candidacy in accordance with this subtitle; and

(2) the individual does not file a certificate of withdrawal under Subtitle 5 of this title.

(b) The appropriate board shall determine whether an individual filing a certificate of candidacy meets the requirements of this article, including:

(1) the voter registration and party affiliation requirements under Subtitle 2 of this title; and

(2) the campaign finance reporting requirements under Title 13 of this article.

(c) (1) On the certificate of candidacy, a candidate shall designate how the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot.