

## Article - Election Law

Section 2-303, 3-303, 3-504, 6-101(f), 11-401, 11-501, 11-603, 13-235, and 13-305

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BY repealing

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Section 13-306

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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**

2-303.

(a) As it deems it expedient for the convenience of voters, a local board may:

(1) create and alter the boundaries for precincts in the county;

(2) designate the location for polling places in any election district, ward, or precinct in the county; and

(3) combine or abolish precincts.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a local board may not create or change a precinct boundary or polling place during the period beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks prior to a primary election, through the day of the general election.

(c) Any precinct boundary established by a local board subsequent to July 1, 1987 shall follow visible features as defined by the Bureau of the Census, United States Department of Commerce.

(d) Within 5 days of creating a new precinct or changing a precinct boundary, a local board shall send to the State Administrator a written description of the new boundary and a map of the area involved.

(e) (1) Unless the action is approved in advance by the State Administrator, during the period January 1, in the second year preceding the decennial census, through [December 1, in the second year following the decennial census] **THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANY REDISTRICTING BASED ON THE CENSUS**, a local board may not create a new precinct or change a precinct boundary.

(2) Upon receipt of the written description and map relating to a precinct boundary established during the period described in paragraph (1) of this subsection,