

the State Administrator shall immediately forward the documents to the Secretary of the Department of Planning and the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services.

(f) Notwithstanding any restrictions imposed by this section, subject to the approval of the State Board, a local board may create a new precinct or change a precinct boundary OR POLLING PLACE if the local board determines that an emergency exists.

(g) (1) The regulations adopted by the State Board shall include procedures for the creation of new precincts and changes to precinct boundaries OR POLLING PLACES.

(2) A local board may create a new precinct or make a change in a precinct boundary OR POLLING PLACE only in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board.

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(a) Except as provided in [subsection (b)] SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) of this section, a local board, at the signed request of a registered voter, shall change that voter's party affiliation, or change the voter to or from a decline, at any time that registration is open [unless the request is received during the following time periods:].

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, PARTY AFFILIATION MAY NOT BE CHANGED:

[(1)] (I) from 9 p.m. on the Monday, or the next regular business day if the Monday is a legal holiday, that is 12 weeks before the day on which a primary election is to be held under § 8-201 of this article, until and including the day on which the registration reopens after the primary election is held; and

[(2)] (II) from and including the day of issuance of a gubernatorial proclamation calling a special election, pursuant to § 8-710 of this article, or from 5 p.m. on the next regular business day if the day of issuance is a legal holiday, until and including the day on which that special election is held.

(2) IF A VOTER REQUESTS A PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGE DURING A PERIOD SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL MAKE THE CHANGE IF:

(I) THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE, AS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL BOARDS PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD, THAT THE REQUEST WAS MAILED BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

(II) THE REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED BY THE VOTER TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, A VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCY, ANOTHER LOCAL BOARD, OR THE STATE BOARD BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.