

House Bill 1434

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Presidential Primary Election Date

FOR the purpose of altering the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected; making miscellaneous technical and clarifying changes to conform to the change in the date for the statewide presidential primary election, including provisions relating to deadlines for the filing of a certificate of candidacy, the submission of a delegate selection plan, candidate withdrawal, and petition candidates and including provisions relating to the certification of certain candidates by the Secretary of State; altering the schedule for the filing of certain campaign finance reports in the year of a presidential primary; and generally relating to the statewide presidential primary election.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section ~~8-201~~ 5-303(a), 5-502, 8-201, 8-501, 8-502, and 13-309(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

5-303.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a certificate of candidacy shall be filed [as follows:

(1) for candidates for offices other than delegate to the Democratic National Convention,] not later than 9 p.m. on the Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days before the day on which the primary election will be held[; and

(2) for candidates for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, between 9 a.m. on the first regular business day of the year in which the President of the United States is elected and 5 p.m. on the day that is 1 week later than that day].

5-502.