

CHAPTER 63

(House Bill 282)

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws – Selection Process for Delegates to the Democratic Party and Republican Party National Conventions

FOR the purpose of altering and clarifying the process for the selection of delegates to the Democratic Party and Republican Party national conventions; providing that this Act is an emergency measure; and generally relating to the selection process for delegates to the Democratic Party and Republican Party national conventions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 – Election Code

Section 12-2(a) and 12-6(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

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

Article 33 – Election Code

12-2.

(a) (1) Delegates to the Democratic national convention shall be selected by [direct] election, as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(2) In regard to the selection of delegates to each Democratic national convention, the term “national party rules” means the national party rules of the Democratic party as they exist 90 days before the State primary election which immediately precedes the Democratic national convention.

12-6.

(f) The results of the primary elections in the several counties and legislative districts of Baltimore City in presidential years shall be canvassed, ascertained and certified in the same manner as provided by law with respect to the election of delegates from the several counties and legislative districts to State conventions of the respective parties to nominate candidates for State offices. The votes cast in each primary election in each county and legislative district of Baltimore City shall be canvassed and certified by the respective boards of supervisors of elections in Baltimore City and the several counties of the State. The Board of State Canvassers then shall tabulate the votes so canvassed and certified in a manner plainly to indicate for each party:

(1) Which candidate for President received the highest number of votes in the State as a whole;