PETITION A CIRCUIT COURT TO TAKE ANY ACTION THE COURT CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A REMEDY THAT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PROTECTS THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

(2)   THE STATE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES CONCERNING METHODS FOR ADDRESSING POSSIBLE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is new language added to address the potential problem of a wide range of "emergencies". It is consistent with the Attorney General's guidelines for emergency situations. The Governor's emergency powers are found primarily in Article 16A of the Code.

SUBTITLE 2.   PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

8-201. DATE OF THE PRIMARY.

(A)   GENERALLY.

(1)   THERE SHALL BE A STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION IN EVERY EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.

(2)   A PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE HELD:

(I)   IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED, ON THE SECOND TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER; AND

(II)   IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ELECTED, ON THE FIRST TUESDAY IN MARCH.

(B)   BALTIMORE CITY MUNICIPAL PRIMARY.

IN BALTIMORE CITY, THERE SHALL BE A PRIMARY ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THE SECOND TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR.

8-202. POLITICAL PARTIES USING THE PRIMARY.

(A)   GENERALLY.

A PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD UNDER § 3-509(B) OF THIS ARTICLE:

(1)   SHALL USE THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO:

(I)   NOMINATE ITS CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE; AND

(II)   ELECT ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL CENTRAL COMMITTEES OF THE POLITICAL PARTY; AND

(2)   MAY USE THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN THE YEAR OF A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TO ELECT DELEGATES TO A NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION.