

CHAPTER 99

(House Bill 907)

AN ACT concerning

~~Montgomery County Election Judges Hours~~

~~MC 808-98~~

Election Judges - Appointment Process, Hours of Service, and Compensation

FOR the purpose of providing ~~a certain exception to the requirement that election judges serve on election day until the completion of the counting of all ballots and returns; authorizing the Montgomery County Board of Election Supervisors to allow an election judge in Montgomery County, other than a chief judge, to serve on election day for less than a full day~~ that a county board of elections may adopt guidelines that provide for the appointment of certain election judges to serve less than a full day and to be paid accordingly; and providing for a delayed effective date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section ~~2-8~~ 10-202(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 585 (S.B. 118/H.B. 127) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

~~2-8.~~

~~(a) If any judge shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for the opening of the polls, the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge by appointing in his stead a person registered in the same manner with respect to party affiliation as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge originally appointed.~~

~~(b) (1) (i) [After] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, AFTER the opening of the polls, a judge may not absent himself until all the ballots cast have been counted and the returns completed. In case of absolute necessity, if any judge in attendance is compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person registered in the same manner with respect to party affiliation as himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to the substitute the same oath as he himself has taken.~~