

# HOUSE BILL 323

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By: **Delegate Afzali**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Primary Elections – Dates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the dates of primary elections to be the first Tuesday in  
4 June; altering the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy in the year in  
5 which the Governor is elected; and generally relating to the dates of primary  
6 elections.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Election Law  
9 Section 5–303(a) and 8–201  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 5–303.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section[:

17 (1) in the year in which the Governor is elected, a certificate of  
18 candidacy shall be filed not later than 9 p.m. on the Wednesday following the second  
19 Tuesday in April in the year in which the primary election will be held; and

20 (2) for any other regularly scheduled election], a certificate of  
21 candidacy shall be filed not later than 9 p.m. on the Wednesday that is 83 days before  
22 the day on which the primary election will be held.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 8-201.

2 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every  
3 even-numbered year.

4 (2) A primary election shall be held[:

5 (i) in the year in which the Governor is elected,] on the [last]  
6 **FIRST** Tuesday in June]; and

7 (ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is  
8 elected, on the first Tuesday in April].

9 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices  
10 on the first Tuesday in [April] **JUNE** in the year in which the President of the United  
11 States is elected.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 July 1, 2013.