

HOUSE BILL 592

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Reporting of Precinct Results**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of canvassers to prepare a statement of
4 election results by precinct that includes all votes cast by voters registered in
5 each precinct who voted provisionally, absentee, and early; requiring the State
6 Board of Elections to prepare a report that includes election results by precinct
7 all votes cast by voters registered in each precinct who voted provisionally,
8 absentee, and early; and generally relating to the reporting of election results.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 11–402
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 11–402.

18 (a) Unless otherwise provided by the Maryland Constitution, and except as
19 provided in subsection (b) of this section, each board of canvassers shall prepare a
20 statement of election results by precinct for each candidate or question voted on at the
21 election and declare:

22 (1) who is elected or nominated for office:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) in county government; or
2 (ii) for any other office voted for only within that county, if the
3 certificate of candidacy for that office was issued by the local board; and

4 (2) whether or not a question is adopted or approved.

5 (b) The statement prepared by the board of canvassers under this section:

6 (1) may not report the absentee vote separately by precinct; AND

7 (2) **SHALL REPORT ELECTION RESULTS BY PRECINCT FOR EACH**
8 **CANDIDATE OR QUESTION VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION THAT INCLUDE ALL**
9 **VOTES CAST BY VOTERS REGISTERED IN EACH PRECINCT WHO VOTED**
10 **PROVISIONALLY, ABSENTEE, AND EARLY.**

11 (c) Each local board shall publish a sufficient number of copies of the
12 complete election results, tabulated by precinct, and shall make the copies available to
13 the public at cost.

14 (d) (1) In addition to the statement of election results specified under
15 subsection (a) of this section, the State Board shall make available in an electronic
16 format a report of election results for each candidate or question voted on at the
17 election:

18 (i) by precinct, **INCLUDING ALL VOTES CAST BY VOTERS**
19 **REGISTERED IN EACH PRECINCT WHO VOTED PROVISIONALLY, ABSENTEE, AND**
20 **EARLY;**

21 (ii) by State legislative district, including any subdistrict;

22 (iii) by county legislative district; and

23 (iv) for each county as a whole.

24 (2) The State Board may make the report specified under paragraph
25 (1) of this subsection available to the public at cost.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 June 1, 2013.