

SENATE BILL 259

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By: **Senator Jennings**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Deadline Date for Withdrawal of Certificate of Candidacy**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which an individual who has filed a certificate of
4 candidacy for an election may withdraw the candidacy; and generally relating to the
5 deadline date for an individual to withdraw a certificate of candidacy for an election.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Election Law
8 Section 5–502
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 5–502.

15 (a) Subject to § 5–402 of this title, an individual who has filed a certificate of
16 candidacy may withdraw the candidacy by filing a certificate of withdrawal on the form
17 prescribed by the State Board within [2] 7 days after the filing date established under §
18 5–303 of this title.

19 (b) An individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for the special election
20 to fill a vacancy for Representative in Congress may withdraw the certificate on the
21 prescribed form within 2 days after the filing date established in the proclamation issued
22 by the Governor.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2015.