

HOUSE BILL 244

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **General Assembly – Prefiled Bills – Deadlines**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which a member of the General Assembly may
4 request the Department of Legislative Services to prepare a bill for prefile at a
5 regular session under certain circumstances; altering the date by which a member
6 may direct the Department to prefile a bill under certain circumstances; and
7 generally relating to the introduction of bills by members of the General Assembly.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Government
10 Section 2–1502(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 2–1502.

17 (c) (1) In a year when an election for members of the General Assembly is held:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (i) a bill may be prefiled only by an individual elected or re-elected
2 to the General Assembly at that election;

3 (ii) the deadline for directing the Department to file a bill for
4 introduction is December 10;

5 (iii) the deadline for requesting the Department to prepare a bill for
6 prefiling is November 20; and

7 (iv) an individual first elected at that election may not request the
8 Department to prepare a bill until after the election.

9 (2) In any other year, a member may prefile a bill at any regular session
10 by:

11 (i) on or before the preceding November [15] 1, requesting the
12 Department to prepare the bill; and

13 (ii) on or before [the second Friday following Thanksgiving] **THE**
14 **PRECEDING NOVEMBER 20**, directing the Department, in writing, to file the bill for
15 introduction.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.