

SENATE BILL 940

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By: **Senator Brochin**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Polling Places – Election Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing a local board of elections to provide election judges who are~~
4 ~~not registered with either the majority party or the principal minority party at a~~
5 ~~polling place in addition to providing an equal number of election judges from the~~
6 ~~majority party and the principal minority party; repealing a provision of law~~
7 ~~authorizing a local board to provide election judges who are not registered with either~~
8 ~~the majority party or the principal minority party only under certain circumstances;~~
9 ~~altering the maximum number of election judges who are minors that a local board~~
10 ~~may provide under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which a~~
11 ~~local board of elections is authorized to provide election judges who are not registered~~
12 ~~with either the majority party or principal minority party and election judges who~~
13 ~~are minors; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to election~~
14 judges.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Election Law
17 Section 10–201
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Election Law**

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 10-201.

2 (a) (1) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each
3 local board shall provide at least four election judges to be the staff for each polling place.

4 (ii) In a precinct with fewer than 200 registered voters, the local
5 board may provide two election judges for that precinct's polling place.

6 (2) An election judge shall be appointed in accordance with the
7 requirements of § 10-203 of this subtitle.

8 (b) (1) ~~(H)~~ Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
9 polling place shall have an equal number of election judges from:

10 ~~{(i)}~~ ~~1.~~ the majority party; and

11 ~~{(ii)}~~ ~~2.~~ the principal minority party.

12 ~~(H) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH~~
13 ~~(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A LOCAL BOARD MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ELECTION~~
14 ~~JUDGES WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH EITHER THE MAJORITY PARTY OR THE~~
15 ~~PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY.~~

16 (2) (i) If the total number of election judges for a precinct is ~~six~~ FOUR
17 or more~~†~~:

18 1. a local board may provide one or more election judges who
19 are not registered with either the majority party or principal minority political party; and

20 2. ~~1.~~ a local board may provide one or more election judges who
21 are minors.

22 (ii) The number of election judges ~~{provided under this paragraph}~~
23 ~~WHO ARE MINORS~~ may not exceed the ~~{lesser}~~ LEAST of:

24 1. the number of election judges who belong to the majority
25 party; ~~{or}~~

26 2. the number of election judges who belong to the principal
27 minority party; ~~OR~~

28 ~~3. THE NUMBER OF ELECTION JUDGES WHO ARE NOT~~
29 ~~REGISTERED WITH EITHER THE MAJORITY PARTY OR THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY~~
30 ~~PARTY.~~

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 January 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.