

SENATE BILL 940

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By: **Senator Brochin**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

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; providing for a delayed effective date; and
11 generally relating to election judges.

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

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

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 10–201.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

[(i)] 1. the majority party; and

[(ii)] 2. the principal minority party.

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

(2) (i) If the total number of election judges for a precinct is six or more[:

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

2.], a local board may provide one or more election judges who are minors.

(ii) The number of election judges [provided under this paragraph] **WHO ARE MINORS** may not exceed the [lesser] **LEAST** of:

1. the number of election judges who belong to the majority party; [or]

2. the number of election judges who belong to the principal minority party; **OR**

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

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