

HOUSE BILL 237

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By: **Delegate Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Hours of Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time at which early voting centers are required to open
4 during gubernatorial general elections; and generally relating to early voting
5 centers.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Election Law
8 Section 10–301.1(d)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 10–301.1.

15 (d) Each early voting center shall be open for voting as follows:

16 (1) beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election
17 through the Thursday before the election; and

18 (2) during the following hours:

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) in a [presidential] general election, during the hours between 8
2 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day; and

3 (ii) in [all other elections] **A PRIMARY ELECTION**, during the hours
4 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.