

HOUSE BILL 211

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Bhandari**

Requested: October 30, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of altering the days on which early voting centers are required to be open
4 for voting; and generally relating to early voting.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Election Law
7 Section 10–301.1(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 10–301.1(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 10–301.1.

19 (a) Except as provided under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article, during any
20 regularly scheduled primary or general election a voter may vote:

21 (1) in the voter’s assigned precinct on election day; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) at an early voting center in the voter's county of residence on any early
2 voting day in accordance with this section.

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

4 (1) beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election
5 through the [Thursday] **SATURDAY** before the election; and

6 (2) during the following hours:

7 (i) in a presidential general election, during the hours between 8
8 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day; and

9 (ii) in all other elections, during the hours between 10 a.m. and 8
10 p.m. each early voting day.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2021.