

HOUSE BILL 289

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Otto**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Elections – County Commissioners Districts and Board of**
3 **Education Candidate Filings**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in
5 Somerset County; providing for the reopening of the candidate filing deadline for a
6 candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who
7 will be elected at the 2022 general election; prohibiting an individual who files for
8 the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education from withdrawing
9 the candidacy; and generally relating to the election of county commissioners and
10 members of the Board of Education in Somerset County.

11 BY repealing

12 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
13 Section 2–102(b) through (f)
14 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
15 (2015 Edition, as amended)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
18 Section 2–102(a)
19 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
20 (2015 Edition, as amended)

21 BY adding to

22 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
23 Section 2–102(b) through (f)
24 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
25 (2015 Edition, as amended)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
27 That Section(s) 2–102(b) through (f) of Article 20 – Somerset County of the Code of Public

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Local Laws of Maryland be repealed.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
3 as follows:

4 **Article 20 – Somerset County**

5 2–102.

6 (a) The County is divided into 5 commissioners' districts.

7 (B) DISTRICT 1 CONSISTS OF THE AREA THAT IS BOUNDED BY THE
8 INTERSECTION OF DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH
9 AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, TURNING ONTO COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD IN A
10 NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE INTERSECTION OF COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD AND
11 UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822), THEN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE
12 CENTER OF UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822) TO SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE
13 675), CROSSING SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE 675) TO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN
14 HIGHWAY), THEN FOLLOWING U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) IN A SOUTHERLY
15 DIRECTION TO KINGS CREEK, THEN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG KINGS
16 CREEK TO STEWART NECK ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION
17 ONTO STEWART NECK ROAD, FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF STEWART NECK ROAD
18 TO ITS END AND TO THE INTERSECTION OF STEWART NECK ROAD AND REVELLS
19 NECK ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ON REVELLS NECK ROAD
20 AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE CENTER OF REVELLS NECK ROAD TO MILLARD LONG
21 ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO MILLARD LONG ROAD,
22 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MILLARD LONG ROAD TO ITS END AND TO THE
23 INTERSECTION OF MILLARD LONG ROAD AND FAIRMOUNT ROAD (U.S. ROUTE
24 361), THEN TURNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ONTO FAIRMOUNT ROAD (U.S.
25 ROUTE 361) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (U.S.
26 ROUTE 361) TO CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413), CONTINUING ACROSS
27 CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413) TO RITZEL ROAD TO ITS END AND THE
28 INTERSECTION OF RITZEL ROAD AND OLD WESTOVER MARION ROAD, THEN
29 TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO OLD WESTOVER MARION ROAD,
30 RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF OLD WESTOVER MARION ROAD TO TURKEY
31 BRANCH ROAD, TURNING ONTO TURKEY BRANCH ROAD AND RUNNING ALONG THE
32 CENTER OF TURKEY BRANCH ROAD IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO WEDDA SCOTT
33 ROAD AND CONTINUING TO THE END OF TURKEY BRANCH ROAD, THEN TURNING IN
34 A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO MENNONITE CHURCH ROAD, RUNNING ALONG THE
35 CENTER OF THE ROAD OF MENNONITE CHURCH ROAD TO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN
36 HIGHWAY), CONTINUING ACROSS U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) TO ARDEN
37 STATION ROAD, CONTINUING TO CURTIS CHAPEL ROAD, CROSSING CURTIS
38 CHAPEL ROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF
39 ARDEN STATION ROAD, CONTINUING TO AND CROSSING BACK CREEK AND

1 NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD, THEN CONTINUING FROM BACK CREEK AND
2 NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION CROSSING AN
3 IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 3400 FEET TO MITCHELL ROAD, CONTINUING
4 ACROSS MITCHELL ROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS ANOTHER
5 IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 1080 FEET TO MOORE BRANCH AND
6 CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF MOORE
7 BRANCH TO AN INTERSECTION OF MOORE BRANCH AND KINGS CREEK, THEN
8 FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF KINGS CREEK IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO
9 DUBLIN ROAD, CROSSING OVER DUBLIN ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE
10 CENTER OF KINGS CREEK IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND THEN IN A
11 NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO PERRYHAWKIN ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A
12 NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO PERRYHAWKIN ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG
13 THE CENTER OF PERRYHAWKIN ROAD IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO WEST POST
14 OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388), THEN TURNING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION
15 ONTO WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE
16 CENTER OF THE ROAD TO PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD, TURNING IN A
17 NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD AND CONTINUING
18 ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO ITS END AND TO THE INTERSECTION OF
19 BACKBONE ROAD AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, THEN TURNING ONTO COLLEGE
20 BACKBONE ROAD IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE
21 CENTER OF COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD AND CONNECTING TO MCCAIN DRIVE,
22 CONTINUING TO FOLLOW ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD ON MCCAIN DRIVE,
23 THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO ART SHELL PLAZA, THEN
24 TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH
25 AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH TO THE
26 INTERSECTION OF DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH
27 AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

28 (C) DISTRICT 2 CONSISTS OF THE AREA THAT IS BOUNDED BY THE
29 INTERSECTIONS OF DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
30 SOUTH AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, TURNING ONTO COLLEGE BACKBONE
31 ROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE INTERSECTION OF COLLEGE BACKBONE
32 ROAD AND UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822), THEN TURNING IN A NORTHWESTERLY
33 DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822) TO SOMERSET
34 AVENUE (MD ROUTE 675), CROSSING SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE 675) TO U.S.
35 ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY), THEN FOLLOWING U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN
36 HIGHWAY) IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO MT VERNON ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A
37 WESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO MT VERNON ROAD (MD ROUTE 362), CONTINUING
38 ALONG THE CENTER OF MT VERNON ROAD (MD ROUTE 362) IN A WESTERLY
39 DIRECTION, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO A BRANCH OF
40 MONIE CREEK AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MONIE CREEK AND TO
41 MONIE BAY IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND THEN AROUND THE WESTERLY END OF
42 MT VERNON ROAD AND THEN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE MOUTH OF THE

1 WICOMICO RIVER, CONTINUING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE
2 CENTER OF THE WICOMICO RIVER TO THE WICOMICO CREEK, THEN CONTINUING
3 IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG WICOMICO CREEK TO PASSERDYKE CREEK,
4 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF PASSERDYKE CREEK TO U.S. ROUTE 13
5 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) AND CONTINUING TO FOLLOW PASSERDYKE CREEK IN A
6 SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG
7 THE CENTER OF MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD TO WEST POST OFFICE ROAD, THEN
8 TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ON WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE
9 388) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD
10 ROUTE 388) IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD AND TO ITS
11 END, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE INTERSECTION
12 OF PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD, BACKBONE ROAD AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD
13 ONTO COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD OF
14 COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO MCCAIN DRIVE,
15 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MCCAIN DRIVE, THEN TURNING IN A
16 SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO ART SHELL PLAZA, THEN TURNING IN A
17 SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH, FOLLOWING
18 ALONG THE CENTER OF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF
19 DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH AND COLLEGE
20 BACKBONE ROAD AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

21 (D) DISTRICT 3 CONSISTS OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY A LINE BEGINNING AT
22 THE CENTER OF MONIE BAY, CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION NEAR NAIL
23 POINT AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MONIE CREEK TO MT VERNON
24 ROAD (MD ROUTE 362), THEN CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE
25 CENTER OF MT VERNON ROAD (MD ROUTE 362) TO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN
26 HIGHWAY), THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN
27 HIGHWAY) TO KINGS CREEK, THEN TURNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG
28 THE CENTER OF KINGS CREEK TO STEWART NECK ROAD, THEN IN A
29 SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF STEWART NECK ROAD TO
30 REVELLS NECK ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO REVELLS
31 NECK ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO MILLARD
32 LONG ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO MILLARD LONG
33 ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MILLARD LONG ROAD TO ITS END
34 AND CONNECTING WITH FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361), CROSSING
35 FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361) IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO RIVER ROAD,
36 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF RIVER ROAD TO THE BIG ANNEMESSEX
37 RIVER, CONTINUING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF THE BIG
38 ANNEMESSEX RIVER TO TANGIER SOUND, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF TANGIER
39 SOUND, THEN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE WICOMICO/SOMERSET COUNTY
40 LINE AND TO THE CENTER OF MONIE BAY AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

41 (E) DISTRICT 4 CONSISTS OF THE AREA THAT IS BOUNDED BY A LINE

1 BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388)
2 AND MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG WEST POST OFFICE ROAD
3 (MD ROUTE 388) IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF THE
4 ROAD TO PERRYHAWKIN ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION
5 TO A BRANCH OF KINGS CREEK, THEN CONTINUING SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE
6 CENTER OF KINGS CREEK AND TAKING A SOUTHERLY TURN FROM KINGS CREEK
7 ACROSS AN IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 1080 FEET TO MOORE BRANCH
8 CROSSING MITCHELL ROAD AND CONTINUING ACROSS ANOTHER IMAGINARY LINE
9 OF A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 3400 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF ARDEN
10 STATION ROAD AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD TRACKS, THEN IN A
11 SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF ARDEN STATION ROAD CROSSING
12 CURTIS CHAPEL ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF ARDEN STATION
13 ROAD AND CROSSING U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) TO MENNONITE CHURCH
14 ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MENNONITE CHURCH ROAD TO
15 TURKEY BRANCH ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF TURKEY
16 BRANCH ROAD IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO ITS END TO OLD WESTOVER MARION
17 ROAD, THEN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF OLD WESTOVER
18 MARION ROAD TO RITZEL ROAD, THEN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE
19 CENTER OF RITZEL ROAD CROSSING CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413) TO
20 FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361), THEN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE
21 CENTER OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361) TO RIVER ROAD, THEN IN A
22 SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF RIVER ROAD TO THE BIG
23 ANNEMESSEX RIVER, CONTINUING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE
24 CENTER OF THE BIG ANNEMESSEX RIVER, THEN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION
25 TO FLATCAP BASIN, THEN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO WARD CREEK ON JANES
26 ISLAND, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF WARD CREEK TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY
27 IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND, THEN SOUTHERLY ALONG AN IMAGINARY LINE TO
28 THE SHORELINE AT BACK CREEK, THEN FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE IN A
29 SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER, CONTINUING ALONG
30 THE CENTER OF LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER CONNECTING TO A PRIVATE
31 RIGHT-OF-WAY, RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO
32 BYRD ROAD, THEN RUNNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF
33 BYRD ROAD TO JACKSONVILLE ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION
34 ONTO JACKSONVILLE ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO
35 SILVER LANE, THEN TURNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ONTO SILVER LANE AND
36 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF SILVER LANE TO CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD
37 ROUTE 413), TURNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO CRISFIELD HIGHWAY
38 (MD ROUTE 413) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO LAWSON
39 BARNES ROAD, THEN TURNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ONTO LAWSON BARNES
40 ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF LAWSON BARNES ROAD AND
41 TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF LAWSON BARNES
42 ROAD, THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS AN IMAGINARY LINE OF
43 APPROXIMATELY 520 FEET TO A BRANCH OF JOHNSONS CREEK, CONTINUING

1 ALONG THE CENTER OF JOHNSONS CREEK TO CASH CORNER ROAD, THEN TURNING
2 IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF CASH CORNER ROAD TO
3 PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF PHOENIX CHURCH
4 ROAD (APPROXIMATELY 1180 FEET) THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION OFF OF
5 PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD TO A BRANCH OF HORSE CREEK, THEN CONTINUING
6 ALONG THE CENTER OF HORSE CREEK TO APE HOLE CREEK, THEN ALONG THE
7 CENTER OF APE HOLE CREEK TO THE POCOMOKE SOUND AND THE
8 MARYLAND/VIRGINIA STATE LINE, THEN ALONG THE STATE LINE TO THE
9 POCOMOKE RIVER, THEN ALONG THE POCOMOKE RIVER TO THE
10 SOMERSET/WORCESTER COUNTY LINE, THEN ALONG THE COUNTY LINE
11 (POCOMOKE RIVER) TO DIVIDING CREEK, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF
12 DIVIDING CREEK TO MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF
13 MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF WEST POST OFFICE ROAD AND
14 MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

15 (F) DISTRICT 5 CONSISTS OF A POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE SOMERSET
16 COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE LOCATED JUST EAST OF SMITH ISLAND AND
17 ENCOMPASSING SMITH ISLAND, SOUTH MARSH ISLAND, AND THE AREA THAT IS
18 GENERALLY SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE THAT RUNS FROM THE NORTH END OF
19 SOUTH MARSH ISLAND, THEN IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO FLATCAP BASIN
20 TO THE CENTER OF WARD CREEK ON JANES ISLAND TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY
21 IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND, THEN SOUTHERLY ALONG AN IMAGINARY LINE TO
22 THE SHORELINE AT BACK CREEK, THEN FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE IN A
23 SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER, CONTINUING ALONG
24 THE CENTER OF LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER CONNECTING TO A PRIVATE
25 RIGHT-OF-WAY, RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO
26 BYRD ROAD, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF BYRD ROAD TO JACKSONVILLE ROAD,
27 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF JACKSONVILLE ROAD IN A SOUTHERLY
28 DIRECTION TO SILVER LANE, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF SILVER LANE TO
29 CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413), CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION
30 ALONG THE CENTER OF CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413) TO LAWSON BARNES
31 ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF LAWSON BARNES ROAD IN A
32 SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS AN
33 IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 520 FEET TO A BRANCH OF JOHNSONS CREEK,
34 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF A BRANCH OF JOHNSONS CREEK TO
35 JOHNSONS CREEK, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF JOHNSONS CREEK TO
36 CASH CORNER ROAD, THEN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF
37 CASH CORNER ROAD TO PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE
38 CENTER OF PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD (APPROXIMATELY 1180 FEET) THEN IN A
39 SOUTHERLY DIRECTION OFF OF PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD TO A BRANCH OF HORSE
40 CREEK, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF HORSE CREEK TO APE HOLE CREEK, THEN
41 ALONG THE CENTER OF APE HOLE CREEK TO THE POCOMOKE SOUND AND THE
42 MARYLAND/VIRGINIA STATE LINE AND CONTINUING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION

1 **AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.**

2 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on the effective date of this
3 Act, through 12:00 noon on the second business day following the effective date of this Act,
4 the candidate filing deadline will be re–opened for a candidate for the office of member of
5 the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the general election to be
6 held in November 2022. Notwithstanding § 5–501 of the Election Law Article of the
7 Annotated Code of Maryland, an individual who files for the office of member of the
8 Somerset County Board of Education may not withdraw the individual’s candidacy.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
11 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
13 enacted.