

SENATE BILL 271

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Ways and Means* —

Introduced by **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county
4 and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State
5 Administrator of Elections; altering the information that the State Administrator is
6 required to make arrangements to obtain from the clerk of the United States District
7 Court for the District of Maryland; requiring a public official responsible for the use
8 of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center
9 to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain
10 provision of law; requiring each local board the State Board of Elections to establish
11 adopt regulations establishing an appeals process regarding certain requests to use
12 public buildings as early voting centers; authorizing an incumbent member of a
13 political party central committee who is a candidate for party office to act as any

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 responsible officer, rather than only the treasurer, of that central committee; and
2 generally relating to election law.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
4 Article – Election Law
5 Section 3–504(a)(1)(i) and 13–215(b)(1)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Election Law
10 Section 3–504(a)(1)(iii) and (2), 10–301.1(e), and 13–215(b)(2)(i)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 3–504.

17 (a) (1) (i) Information from the agencies specified in this paragraph shall
18 be reported to the State Administrator in a format and at times prescribed by the State
19 Board.

20 (iii) ~~The~~ **EACH MONTH, THE** clerk of the circuit court for each county
21 and the administrative clerk for each District Court shall report the names and addresses
22 of all individuals convicted, in the respective court, of a felony ~~AND CURRENTLY SERVING~~
23 ~~A COURT ORDERED SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CONVICTION~~ since the
24 ~~date of the last report~~ **SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT WITH COMMITMENT PAPERS.**

25 (2) The State Administrator shall make arrangements with the clerk of the
26 United States District Court for the District of Maryland to receive reports of names and
27 addresses, if available, of individuals convicted of a felony in that court ~~AND CURRENTLY~~
28 ~~SERVING A COURT ORDERED SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CONVICTION~~
29 **SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT WITH COMMITMENT PAPERS.**

30 10–301.1.

31 (e) (1) Each early voting center shall satisfy the requirements of § 10–101 of
32 this title.

33 (2) ~~THE~~ **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
34 **PUBLIC OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE OF A PUBLIC BUILDING REQUESTED**
35 **BY A LOCAL BOARD FOR AN EARLY VOTING CENTER SHALL MAKE THE PUBLIC**

1 BUILDING AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-101(A)(3)
2 OF THIS TITLE.

3 (3) (I) ~~EACH LOCAL BOARD~~ THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT
4 REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH AN APPEALS PROCESS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS REQUESTED FOR USE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)
6 OF THIS SUBSECTION TO CONTEST THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PUBLIC BUILDING
7 DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THE BUILDING WOULD BE USED AS AN EARLY VOTING
8 CENTER.

9 (II) ~~AN~~ THE APPEALS PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
10 PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE:

11 ~~1. REQUIRE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO FILE AN APPEAL~~
12 ~~WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE FROM THE LOCAL BOARD OF THE~~
13 ~~REQUEST TO MAKE THE PUBLIC BUILDING AVAILABLE AS AN EARLY VOTING~~
14 ~~CENTER;~~

15 ~~2. ALLOW THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AN OPPORTUNITY TO~~
16 ~~BE HEARD PUBLICLY BEFORE THE LOCAL BOARD; AND~~

17 ~~3. CONCLUDE THE APPEALS PROCESS AT LEAST 8~~
18 ~~MONTHS BEFORE A LOCAL BOARD IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE LOCATIONS OF ITS~~
19 ~~EARLY VOTING CENTERS TO THE STATE BOARD.~~

20 1. AN INITIAL APPEAL TO THE LOCAL BOARD THAT
21 SELECTED THE PUBLIC BUILDING FOR USE AS AN EARLY VOTING CENTER;

22 2. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO BE
23 HEARD PUBLICLY AT A MEETING OF THE LOCAL BOARD BEFORE THE LOCAL BOARD
24 MAKES A DECISION ON THE APPEAL;

25 3. AN APPEAL BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF AN ADVERSE
26 DECISION OF THE LOCAL BOARD TO THE STATE BOARD;

27 4. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO BE
28 HEARD PUBLICLY AT A MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD BEFORE THE STATE BOARD
29 MAKES A FINAL DECISION ON THE APPEAL; AND

30 5. A FINAL DECISION AT LEAST 8 MONTHS BEFORE THE
31 PRIMARY ELECTION FOR WHICH THE LOCAL BOARD SEEKS TO USE THE PUBLIC
32 BUILDING AS AN EARLY VOTING CENTER.

1 (III) THE DECISION OF THE STATE BOARD REGARDING AN
2 APPEAL UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS FINAL.

3 13-215.

4 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a candidate may not act:

5 (i) as the treasurer of a campaign finance entity of the candidate; or

6 (ii) with respect to any other campaign finance entity:

7 1. as the campaign manager or treasurer; or

8 2. in any other position that exercises general overall
9 responsibility for the conduct of the entity.

10 (2) (i) An incumbent member of a central committee who is a candidate
11 for election to party office may act as [the treasurer] **A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** of that
12 central committee.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 January 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.