

**SB0204/375567/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 204  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after “changes;” insert “altering the deadline for filing a certain petition to challenge a candidate’s residency;”; and in line 13, after “5-303(c),” insert “5-305.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 6, insert:

“5-305.

(a) This section applies only to a petition that will affect the right of a candidate to have the candidate’s name appear on the ballot in a primary or general election.

(b) A registered voter who is a resident of the district or other geographic area in which a candidate is seeking office may file a petition with the circuit court for that district or geographic area to challenge the candidate’s residency as provided in § 5-202 of this title.

(c) (1) The petition must be filed [6] 9 days after the filing dates provided in § 5-303 of this subtitle and [§ 5-703(c)] §§ 5-703(C) AND 5-703.1(C) of this title.

(2) Judicial review of any petition that is filed under subsection (b) of this section shall be expedited by the circuit court that hears the cause to the extent necessary in consideration of the deadlines established by law, and in no case, longer than 7 days from the date the petition is filed.”;

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strike beginning with “or” in line 13 down through “held” in line 14; and in line 16, strike “is” and substitute “AND MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY ARE”.

On page 5, in line 1, strike “PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)” and substitute “PARAGRAPH (2)”; in line 3, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “2ND”; in the same line, strike “it” and substitute “THE JUDICIAL REVIEW”; in line 4, after “(2)” insert “(I)”; in the same line, strike “EXCEPT FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, IF” and substitute “IF”; in line 5, after “election,” insert “EXCEPT A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION,”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

“(II) IF THE PETITION SEEKS TO PLACE THE NAME OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON THE BALLOT FOR A PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 8-502 OF THIS ARTICLE, JUDICIAL REVIEW OF A DETERMINATION MADE UNDER § 6-208(A)(2) OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE SOUGHT BY THE 5TH DAY FOLLOWING THE DETERMINATION TO WHICH THE JUDICIAL REVIEW RELATES.”.