

# SENATE BILL 156

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By: **Senators Brochin and Klausmeier**  
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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Elections for Judges of the Orphans’ Court – Procedures**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law govern the nomination and  
4 election of judges of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County; authorizing a candidate  
5 for judge of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County to file and appear on certain  
6 primary election ballots; requiring that certain candidates appear on the general  
7 election ballot; prohibiting the political affiliation of certain candidates from being  
8 included on the general election ballot; providing for the application of certain  
9 provisions of this Act; making a conforming change; and generally relating to the  
10 procedures for the election of judges of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Election Law  
13 Section 5–203  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article – Election Law  
18 Section 5–301(a)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

21 BY adding to  
22 Article – Election Law

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### 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 Section 8–901 through 8–903 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Election of  
2 Judges of the Orphans’ Court in Baltimore County”  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

7 **Article – Election Law**

8 5–203.

9 (a) (1) This subsection does not apply to a candidate for:

10 (i) President or Vice President of the United States; or

11 (ii) any federal office who seeks nomination by petition.

12 (2) Unless the individual is a registered voter affiliated with the political  
13 party, an individual may not be a candidate for:

14 (i) an office of that political party; or

15 (ii) except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, nomination  
16 by that political party.

17 (b) The requirements for party affiliation specified under subsection (a) of this  
18 section do not apply to a candidate for:

19 (1) a judicial office; [or]

20 (2) a county board of education; **OR**

21 **(3) JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS’ COURT IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.**

22 5–301.

23 (a) An individual may become a candidate for a public or party office only if:

24 (1) the individual files a certificate of candidacy in accordance with this  
25 subtitle; and

26 (2) the individual does not file a certificate of withdrawal under Subtitle 5  
27 of this title.

