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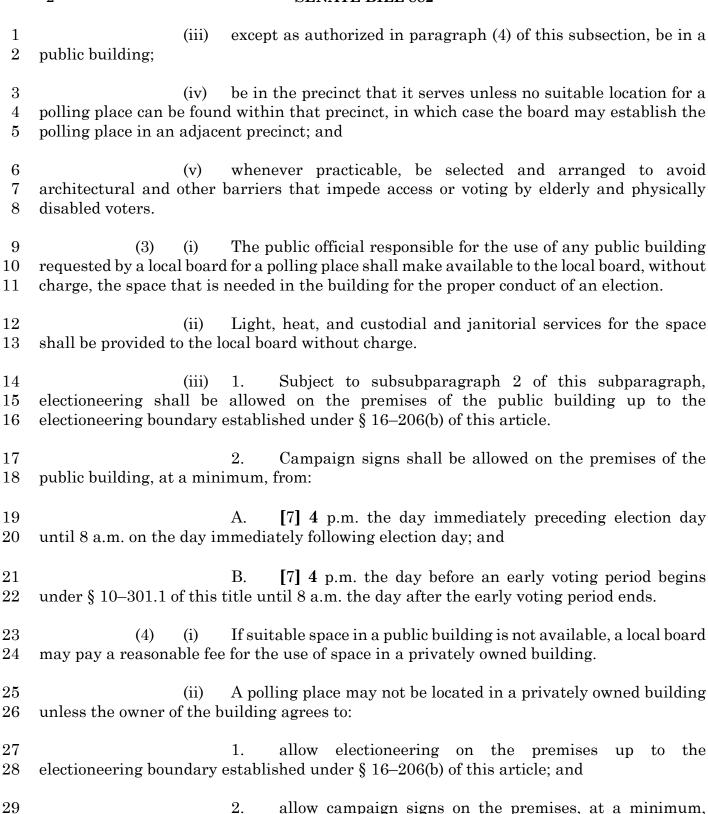
## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Election Law - Campaign Signs at Polling Places 3 FOR the purpose of altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of polling places for an election; and generally relating to campaign 4 5 signs at polling places during an election. 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 7 Article – Election Law 8 Section 10–101(a) 9 Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement) 10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 11 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Election Law 13 10-101. 14 15 (a) (1) Each local board shall designate a polling place that meets the requirements of this subsection for each precinct in the county as established by the local 16 board in accordance with Title 2 of this article. 17 18 (2)Each polling place shall: 19 (i) provide an environment that is suitable to the proper conduct of 20 an election: 21 be located as conveniently as practicable for the majority of (ii) 22 registered voters assigned to that polling place;



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A. **[7] 4** p.m. the day immediately preceding election day until 8 a.m. on the day immediately following election day; and

- B. [7] 4 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins under § 10–301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.
- 3 (iii) Except as provided in subparagraphs (iv) and (v) of this 4 paragraph, an election may not be held in any building or part of any building used or occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license.
- 6 (iv) An election may be held in a building that is owned and occupied 7 by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:
- 8 1. the local board determines that there is no suitable 9 alternative place to hold an election;
- 10 2. the licensee agrees not to sell or dispense alcoholic 11 beverages during the period beginning 2 hours before the polls open and ending 2 hours 12 after the polls close; and
- 3. where applicable, all ballots are removed from the polling place by the local board immediately following the election.
- 15 (v) An early voting center may be located in a building that is partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:
- 17 1. the State Board, in collaboration with a local board, determines that the building is a suitable site for an early voting center; and
- 19 2. the entrance to a licensee's establishment is at least 100 feet from the entrance to the building that is closest to the part of the building where the early voting center is located.
- 22 (5) If a polling place is located in a building owned or leased by a volunteer 23 fire company or rescue squad, the volunteer fire company or rescue squad may require the 24 local board to pay for the use of the space that is needed in the building for the proper 25 conduct of any election.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.