

Chapter 156

**(House Bill 177)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Law – Judicial Proceedings Involving Local Boards of Elections –  
Notice**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision that requires a local board of elections to provide to the State Board of Elections a copy of the complaint or other pleading that initiated a judicial proceeding in which a local board is a party by removing the requirement that the copy be provided by certified mail; and generally relating to notice provided to the State Board of Elections of judicial proceedings involving a local board of elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Election Law  
Section 2–105  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Election Law**

2–105.

In any judicial proceeding in which a local board is a party, the State Board:

(1) immediately after the action has been filed, shall be provided [by certified mail] by the local board with a copy of the complaint or other pleading that initiated the proceeding; and

(2) may join as a party to the proceeding.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.**