

SENATE BILL 230

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By: Senator Hough

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2019

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Canvassing of Absentee Ballots – Reporting Unofficial Results**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring local boards of elections to prepare and release a report of
 4 the unofficial results of the absentee ballot vote tabulation at the end of each day of
 5 absentee ballot canvassing; and generally relating to absentee ballot vote
 6 canvassing.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 8 Article – Election Law
 9 Section 11–302(a)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
 13 Article – Election Law
 14 Section 11–302(e)
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
 16 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Election Law**

20 11–302.

21 (a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated counting
 22 center to canvass the absentee ballots cast in that election in accordance with the
 23 regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(E) AT THE END OF EACH DAY OF CANVASSING, A LOCAL BOARD SHALL**
2 **PREPARE AND RELEASE A REPORT OF THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE ABSENTEE**
3 **BALLOT VOTE TABULATION.**

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