SENATE BILL 596

By: Senator Washington
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AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Hours of Operation

FOR the purpose of altering the hours during which early voting centers are required to be open in elections other than a presidential general election; and generally relating to the hours of operation of early voting centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 10–301.1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

10–301.1.

(d) Each early voting center shall be open for voting as follows:

(1) beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election through the Thursday before the election; and

(2) [during the following hours:

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.
(i) in a presidential general election[,] during the hours between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day; and

(ii) in all other elections, during the hours between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.