

SENATE BILL 596

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CF HB 206

By: **Senator Washington**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Hours of Operation**

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

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

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 10–301.1.

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

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

18 (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.



1 (i) in a presidential general election,] during the hours between ~~8~~ 7
2 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day]; and

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.