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By: The Speaker (Administration)

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 1996

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - 7th Congressional District - Special Election**

3 FOR the purpose of enacting certain provisions that will be applicable only to the
4 nomination and election of candidates to fill the vacancy in the 7th Congressional
5 District and to the nomination and election of candidates for the next regular term
6 of office in the 7th Congressional District; requiring that the special primary and the
7 regular primary be merged; providing for the issuance of certificates of nomination;
8 providing for the declination of nominations; expanding provisions relating to
9 nomination by petition; authorizing the State Administrative Board of Election
10 Laws to authorize any voting system, including paper ballots, for the special general
11 election; providing for the termination of this Act; making this Act an emergency
12 measure; and generally relating to the nomination and election of candidates in the
13 7th Congressional District.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) This Act applies only to the election to fill the vacancy that will exist on
17 February 18, 1996 in the Office of Representative from the 7th Congressional District of
18 Maryland and to the election of an individual to serve the next full term of office from
19 that District. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on an election for any
20 other office or to elections in the 7th Congressional District that are held after 1996.

21 (b) This Act supersedes any conflicting provision of Article 33 of the Annotated
22 Code of Maryland.

23 (c) The special primary to nominate candidates to fill the vacancy that will exist
24 on February 18, 1996 in the 7th Congressional District shall be merged with the regular
25 primary to nominate candidates for the next regular term of office.

26 (d) Any individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for the regular primary
27 shall be deemed to have filed a certificate of candidacy for the special primary. Any other
28 qualified individual may file a certificate of candidacy, not later than 2 days after the
29 effective date of this Act, for the special primary and regular primary.

30 (e) Two certificates of nomination, one for the special election and one for the
31 regular election, shall be issued to each candidate nominated in the merged primaries.

1 (f) Notwithstanding Article 33, § 9-1(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a
2 nominee for the special election may decline the nomination by notifying the State
3 Administrative Board of Election Laws within 10 days after the special primary. The
4 notification shall conform to the requirements of Article 33, § 9-1(c) of the Annotated
5 Code of Maryland. A nominee for the regular election may decline the nomination in the
6 manner prescribed in Article 33, § 9-1(c) .

7 (g) Notwithstanding Article 33, § 7-1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, an
8 individual of any political party affiliation may be nominated by petition in the manner
9 otherwise prescribed in Article 33, § 7-1.

10 (h) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws may authorize the use of
11 any voting system, including paper ballots, in the special general election.

12 (i) This Act shall be void after December 31, 1996.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
14 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
15 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected
16 to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it
17 is enacted.