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By: Senator Della
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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Residence Designation of Candidates on Ballots - Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the names of certain candidates for
4   public or party office be identified on the ballot by the county or city in which the
5   candidate resides.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7   Article 33 - Election Code
8   Section 16-5(d)
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13   **Article 33 - Election Code**

14 16-5.

15   (d) (1) The party designation of each candidate, properly separated from his
16 name, shall be included on all ballots at any election; provided, however, that the party
17 name shall consist of one word only.

18   (2) [(i) The name of each candidate for public or party office for which the
19 voters of the entire State or more than one county or legislative district may vote, shall be
20 identified by the county or city in which said candidate resides.

21   (ii)] (I) Except as provided in subparagraph [(iii)] (II) of this
22 paragraph, if there is a provision for the election of delegates who are by law required to
23 live in a specific county and only a certain number of delegates may beelected from that
24 county, an elector may not cast a vote for more than that number of candidates from that
25 specific county.

26   [(iii)] (II) In a legislative district where the delegates are to be elected
27 by the voters of a multimember subdistrict that contains more than two counties or parts
28 of more than two counties, an elector may cast a vote for the specifiednumber of
29 delegates to be elected in the subdistrict without regard to the countyof residence of the
30 candidates.

1   (3) The ballots shall be arranged so that exact uniformity, to the extent
2 practicable, will prevail as to size and face of printing of all candidates' names and party
3 designation.

4   (4) The names of all candidates for judge of the circuit courtsfor the several
5 counties, and for a county board of education and the names of incumbent judges of the
6 Court of Special Appeals or the Court of Appeals at an election for continuance in office
7 shall be placed on the ballots without any party label or other distinguishing mark or
8 location which might directly or indirectly indicate the party affiliation of the candidate or
9 judge.

10   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 1996.