
By: Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee (Department of Legislative Reference)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Precinct Boundary Changes**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the creation of new precincts during a certain period in
4 order to facilitate the redistricting process.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article 33 - Election Code
7 Section 2-12(d)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

12 **Article 33 - Election Code**

13 2-12.

14 (d) (1) Unless the change is approved in advance by the State Administrator of
15 Election Laws, during the period [December 8, 1987, through November 15, 1992]
16 MARCH 1, 1998 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2002, a new precinct may not be created and a
17 precinct boundary may not be changed.

18 (2) Within 5 days of making such a change, the local board shall send to the
19 State Administrative Board of Election Laws a written description of the new boundary
20 and a map showing the boundary.

21 (3) The State Board shall immediately forward the description and the map
22 to the Director of the Office of Planning and the Director of the Department of
23 Legislative Reference.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 1997.