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CHAPTER ____

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.

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

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