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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Teachers - Election Days**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the county boards of education in counties in which the
4 public schools are closed on primary and general election days to designate the
5 election days as planning days for teachers.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 7-103(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - Education**

14 7-103.

15 (c) (1) The following days are public school holidays:

16 (i) Thanksgiving Day and the day after;

17 (ii) Christmas Eve and from then through January 1;

18 (iii) The Friday before Easter and from then through the Monday after
19 Easter;

20 (iv) Memorial Day; and

21 (v) Primary and general election days.

22 (2) If the federal and State observances of a holiday are on different days,
23 the board of education of each county shall determine which date shall be the date of
24 observance for the public schools within the county.

25 (3) The public schools shall devote a part of the day to appropriate exercises
26 for the following days:

27 (i) Washington's Birthday;

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- 1 (ii) Lincoln's Birthday;
- 2 (iii) Veterans' Day;
- 3 (iv) Columbus Day;
- 4 (v) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
- 5 (vi) Arbor Day; and
- 6 (vii) Any other day of national significance.

7 (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the public schools,
8 in the following counties, may remain open and in session on primary and general election
9 days:

- 10 (i) Calvert;
- 11 (ii) Caroline;
- 12 (iii) Dorchester;
- 13 (iv) Kent;
- 14 (v) Talbot; and
- 15 (vi) Worcester.

16 (5) THE COUNTY BOARD OF A COUNTY IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
17 ARE CLOSED ON PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION DAYS SHALL DESIGNATE THE
18 ELECTION DAYS AS PLANNING DAYS FOR TEACHERS.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 1997.