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By: **Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**(Departmental - Elections, State Board of)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Write-In Candidates**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for the official reporting by certain boards of canvassers  
4 of write-in votes for certified write-in candidates; and generally relating to  
5 write-in candidates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 33 - Election Code  
8 Section 11-401  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 11-401.

15 (a) (1) After each election, each board of canvassers shall transmit one  
16 certified copy of the election results in its county, attested by the signatures of the  
17 chairperson and secretary of the board of canvassers, to:

- 18 (i) The Governor;
- 19 (ii) The State Board of Elections; and
- 20 (iii) The clerk of the circuit court for the appropriate county.

21 (2) The statement may be mailed or delivered in person.

22 (B) AFTER EACH GENERAL ELECTION IN WHICH VOTES HAVE BEEN CAST FOR  
23 A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE, EACH BOARD OF CANVASSERS SHALL TRANSMIT A

1 STATEMENT OF RETURNS OF THE VOTES CAST FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES WHO  
2 HAVE FILED A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.

3 [(b)] (C) (1) The transmittal shall be made on the second Friday after a  
4 primary or general election or, if the canvass is completed after that date, within 48  
5 hours after the completion of the canvass.

6 (2) After a special primary or special election, the transmittal shall be  
7 made as soon as possible, but no later than the second Thursday after the election.

8 [(c)] (D) The clerk of the circuit court shall enter of record the election results  
9 filed with the court under this section.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
11 effect October 1, 2000.