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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Election Judges - Residency Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the residency requirements for election judges; altering a
4 provision of law authorizing a local board of elections to appoint an election
5 judge if no individual can be found in a specified area; and generally relating to
6 election judges and residency requirements.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 33 - Election Code
9 Section 10-202
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 10-202.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an election
17 judge shall be a registered voter who resides in the [election district or ward in which
18 the precinct] COUNTY for which the election judge is appointed [is located].

19 (2) (i) If a qualified individual residing in the [election district or
20 ward] COUNTY cannot be found with reasonable effort, the local board may appoint a
21 registered voter residing in any part of the [county] STATE.

1 (ii) In Prince George's County, a minor at least 17 years old who is
2 appointed to be an election judge and who is too young to be a registered voter shall
3 demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the local board, that the minor meets all of the
4 other qualifications for registration in the county.

5 (b) An election judge shall be able to speak, read, and write the English
6 language.

7 (c) (1) While serving as an election judge, an election judge may not hold, or
8 be a candidate for, any other public or political party office.

9 (2) An election judge may not engage in any partisan or political activity
10 while on duty in the polling place.

11 (d) A local board may adopt guidelines consistent with the provisions of this
12 title for the determination of the qualifications of persons considered for appointment
13 and for the process of appointment as election judges. To the extent not inconsistent
14 with this subtitle, the guidelines may provide for the appointment of an election
15 judge, other than the chief judge, to serve for less than a full day and for the judge to
16 be compensated, on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the fees set under § 10-205 of
17 this subtitle for a judge serving a full day.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2000.