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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Board of Canvassers - Tabulation and Reporting of Election**
3 **Results**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the statement of election results prepared by each
5 board of canvassers after an election list the election results for each candidate
6 or question voted on at the election in a certain manner; requiring each local
7 board to tabulate and publish election results in a certain manner; and
8 generally relating to the tabulation and reporting of election results.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Election Law
11 Section 11-402
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Election Law**

17 11-402.

18 (a) (1) Unless otherwise provided by the Maryland Constitution, and except
19 as provided in subsection (b) of this section, each board of canvassers shall prepare a
20 statement of election results [by precinct] for each candidate or question voted on at
21 the election and declare:

22 [(1)] (I) who is elected or nominated for office:

23 [(i)] 1. in county government; or

24 [(ii)] 2. for any other office voted for only within that county, if the
25 certificate of candidacy for that office was issued by the local board; and

26 [(2)] (II) whether or not a question is adopted or approved.

1 (2) THE STATEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS PREPARED BY EACH BOARD
2 OF CANVASSERS SHALL LIST ELECTION RESULTS FOR EACH CANDIDATE OR
3 QUESTION VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION:

4 (I) BY PRECINCT;

5 (II) BY STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, INCLUDING ANY
6 SUBDISTRICT; AND

7 (III) FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.

8 (b) The statement prepared by the board of canvassers under subsection (a) of
9 this section may not report the absentee vote separately by precinct.

10 (c) Each local board shall publish a sufficient number of copies of the complete
11 election results, tabulated [by precinct] IN THE MANNER REQUIRED UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, and shall make the copies available to the
13 public at cost.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2005.