
By: **Delegates Ross, Rosenberg, and Patterson**
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 Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voting Opportunity Enhancements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that local boards of elections, when establishing early
 4 voting polling places, select sites that are consistent with certain guidelines and
 5 regulations established by the State Board of Elections; requiring the State
 6 Administrator of Elections and the Office of the Attorney General jointly to
 7 review issues relating to same day voter registration and voting and to submit a
 8 report of findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General
 9 Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to voting opportunity
 10 enhancements.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 12 Article - Election Law
 13 Section 10-301.1(c)(1)
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
 15 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)
 16 (As enacted by Chapter 5 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006)

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

19 **Article - Election Law**

20 10-301.1.

21 (c) (1) (I) Each local board shall establish the early voting polling places
 22 in its county.

23 (II) WHEN ESTABLISHING THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES,
 24 THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL, CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS
 25 ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD:

26 1. SELECT A SITE IN THE COUNTY THAT IS
 27 GEOGRAPHICALLY CENTRAL AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE, IF ONLY ONE LOCATION IS
 28 BEING USED IN THE COUNTY; OR

