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EMERGENCY BILL

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Baltimore County - Polling Places on College Campuses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore County Board of Elections to establish,  
4 under certain circumstances, a separate precinct for voting on election day to  
5 serve individuals associated with certain institutions of higher education;  
6 requiring each institution at which a precinct is established to provide certain  
7 facilities and services to the local board in connection with voting day activities;  
8 making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the  
9 establishment of precincts for voting on college campuses in Baltimore County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - Election Law

12 Section 2-303(a)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Election Law**

18 2-303.

19 (a) (1) [As] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AS it deems  
20 it expedient for the convenience of voters, a local board may:

21 [(1)] (I) create and alter the boundaries for precincts in the county;

22 [(2)] (II) designate the location for polling places in any election district,  
23 ward, or precinct in the county; and

24 [(3)] (III) combine or abolish precincts.

25 (2) (I) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH  
26 AT EACH PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY

1 WITH A RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS A SEPARATE PRECINCT TO SERVE THE STUDENTS,  
2 FACULTY, AND STAFF WHO ATTEND OR WORK AT THE INSTITUTION WHO ARE  
3 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE PRECINCT IN WHICH THE INSTITUTION IS LOCATED.

4 (II) IF, UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A POLLING  
5 PLACE IS ESTABLISHED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT RECEIVES  
6 STATE FUNDS, THAT INSTITUTION SHALL:

7 1. PROVIDE WITHOUT CHARGE TO THE LOCAL BOARD A  
8 FACILITY FOR USE AS A POLLING PLACE THAT MEETS ALL APPLICABLE  
9 REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD;  
10 AND

11 2. PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL BOARD IN  
12 RECRUITING ELECTION JUDGES TO STAFF THE POLLING PLACE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
14 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
15 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
16 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
17 the date it is enacted.