HOUSE BILL 542

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By: **Delegate Ross** Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2007 Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Elections – Election Judges Training Pilot Program

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Election Judges Training Pilot Program to be administered by the Center for American Politics and Citizenship at the 4 5 University of Maryland, College Park, in conjunction with the Prince George's County Board of Elections and the Montgomery County Board of Elections; 6 7 specifying the purpose of the pilot program; requiring the Governor to include 8 certain funds in the State budget to pay for the pilot program; requiring the 9 Center for American Politics and Citizenship to submit a certain report on or 10 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Election Judges Training Pilot Program. 11

- 12 BY adding to
- 13 Article Election Law
- 14 Section 10–208
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)
- 17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

20 **10–208.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE ELECTION 2 JUDGES TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CENTER FOR 3 AMERICAN POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, 4 COLLEGE PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY 5 BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF 6 ELECTIONS.

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(B) THERE IS AN ELECTION JUDGES TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM.

8 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO TRAIN AND EMPLOY 9 STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK TO 10 WORK AS ELECTION JUDGES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND IN 11 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR THE 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL 12 ELECTION.

13 (D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE \$100,000 IN THE FISCAL YEAR 14 2008 OR FISCAL YEAR 2009 STATE BUDGET FOR THE STATE BOARD OF 15 ELECTIONS TO BE DISBURSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND TO ACCOMPLISH THE 16 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

17 (E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2008, THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN 18 POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE 19 PARK SHALL ISSUE A REPORT ON THE PILOT PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR 20 AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, 21 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.