

# Chapter 548

## (Senate Bill 597)

AN ACT concerning

### Elections – Baltimore City – Election Dates

FOR the purpose of altering the dates of certain elections for municipal offices in Baltimore City; specifying the ~~terms~~ term of municipal officers in Baltimore City who are elected in a certain year; year; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to elections in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Election Law  
Section 8–201 and 8–301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

#### Article – Election Law

8–201.

(a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered year.

(2) A primary election shall be held:

(i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the last Tuesday in June; and

(ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is elected, on the first Tuesday in April.

(b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices:

~~(1) IN THE YEAR 2016,~~ on the [second] **FIRST** Tuesday [following the first Monday in September in the year following the election of the Governor] **IN APRIL IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ELECTED; AND**

~~(2) BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2018, ON THE LAST TUESDAY IN JUNE IN THE YEAR THAT THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.~~

8-301.

(a) (1) There shall be a statewide general election in each even-numbered year.

(2) A statewide general election shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

(b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a general election for municipal offices:

~~(1) IN THE YEAR 2016,~~ on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November ~~in the year~~ IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS ELECTED ~~following the election of the Governor;~~ ~~AND~~

~~(2) BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2018, ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term of a municipal officer of Baltimore City elected:

~~(1)~~ in the year 2011 is 5 years; ~~and~~

~~(2)~~ ~~in the year 2016 is 2 years.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2012~~ January 1, 2013.

**Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.**