

# Chapter 549

(House Bill 250)

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 ~~term~~ *term* of municipal officers in Baltimore City who were elected in a certain 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] BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2016, IN~~ Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices on the ~~[second]~~ FIRST Tuesday ~~[following the first Monday]~~ in ~~[September]~~ APRIL in the year ~~[following the election of the Governor]~~ IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 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]~~ **BEGINNING IN 2016, IN** Baltimore City, there shall be a general election for municipal offices on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the year [following the election of the Governor] **IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 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 in the year 2011 is 5 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.**