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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Election Law - Primary Elections and Early Voting - Dates 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a primary election from being held on certain holidays; 4 requiring a primary election that would otherwise be held on the date of a certain 5 holiday to instead be held on a certain date after the holiday; prohibiting an early 6 voting center from being open for voting on certain holidays; and generally relating to the dates of primary elections and early voting. 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 8 9 Article – Election Law 10 Section 8-201 and 10-301.1 11 Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement) 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 14 Article - Election Law 15 8-201.16 17 (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered (a) 18 year. 19 [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A (2) 20 primary election shall be held: 21(i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the last Tuesday 22 in June; and

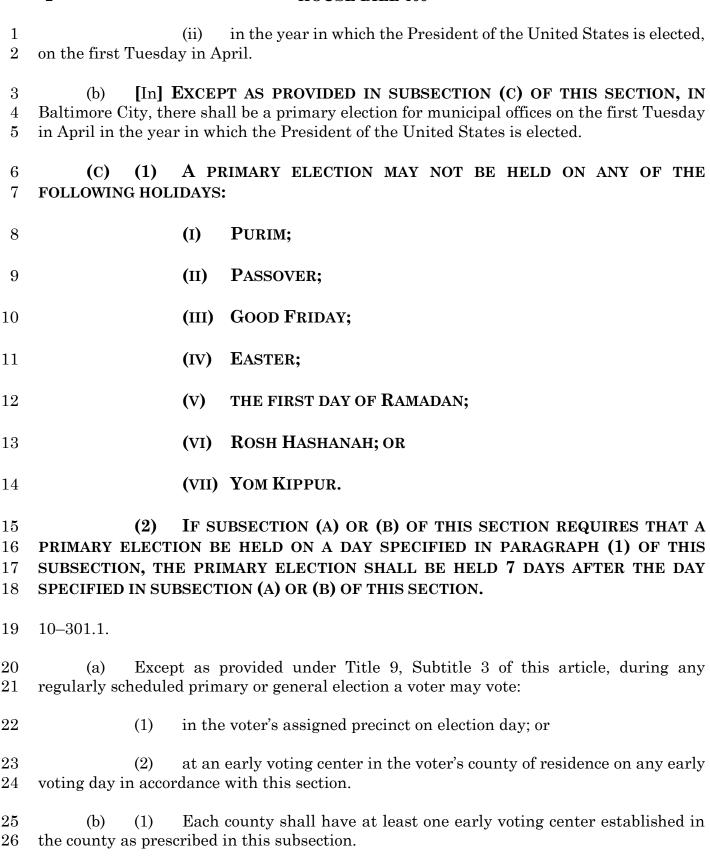


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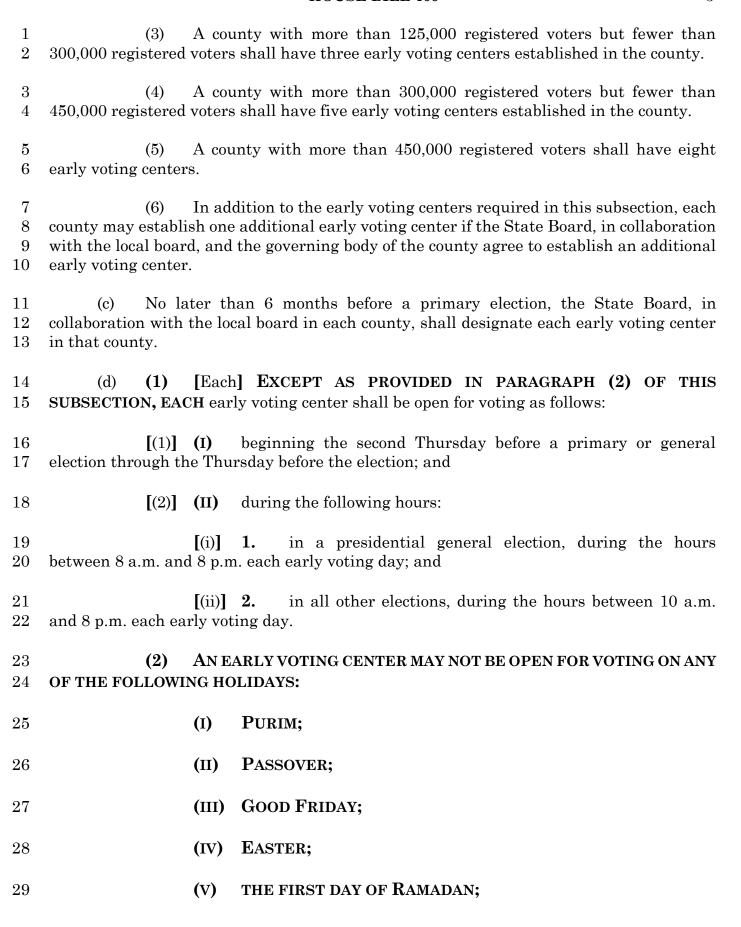
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voting center established in the county.



A county with fewer than 125,000 registered voters shall have one early



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1		(VI) ROSH HASHANAH; OR
2		(VII) YOM KIPPUR.
3 4	(e) title.	Each early voting center shall satisfy the requirements of § 10–101 of this
5 6 7	(f) Beginning 30 days prior to each early voting period the State Board and each local board shall undertake steps to inform the public about early voting and the location of early voting centers in each county, including:	
8	((1) a series of public service media announcements;
9	((2) mailings to all registered voters in each county; and
10	((3) other measures as appropriate.
11 12	ισ,	Except as expressly provided in this section, any provision of this article that ing on election day also applies to early voting.
13 14		The State Board shall adopt regulations and guidelines in accordance with the of this section for the conduct of early voting.
15 16	SECTI 1, 2015.	ON 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July