

May 12, 2015

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 396 – *Election Law – Primary Election Dates in the Presidential Election Year*.

This bill alters the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the President of the United States is elected; alters the date of the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City in the year in which the President of the United States is elected; alters the deadline from 6 to 9 days after the filing dates for filing a petition to challenge a candidate's residency; and clarifies specified provisions of law concerning the filing of specified vacancies in nomination.

Senate Bill 204, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 396.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.