

# HOUSE BILL 1382

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By: **Delegate Barron**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Candidate for Circuit Court Judge Defeated in Primary Election**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court who is  
4 defeated for the nomination at a primary election in certain contests from appearing  
5 on the ballot at the next succeeding general election as a candidate for any office;  
6 making a conforming change; and generally relating to a candidate for circuit court  
7 judge defeated in a primary election.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Election Law  
10 Section 5–706  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

### Article – Election Law

16 5–706.

17 (a) This section does not apply to:

18 (1) [a candidate for the office of judge of the circuit court;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) a candidate selected by a political party to fill a vacancy in nomination  
2 under Subtitle 9 or Subtitle 10 of this title; or

3 [(3)] (2) a candidate defeated in a presidential preference primary.

4 (b) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
5 name of a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office may not appear  
6 on the ballot at the next succeeding general election as a candidate for any office.

7 (c) **THE NAME OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT**  
8 **COURT WHO IS DEFEATED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN EACH CONTEST FOR THE**  
9 **OFFICE OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE APPEARS ON THE**  
10 **BALLOT MAY NOT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AT THE SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION**  
11 **AS A CANDIDATE FOR ANY OFFICE.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.