HOUSE BILL 1382

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By: **Delegate Barron**
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2017
Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

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;

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

21   **[**(3)**] (2)**   a candidate defeated in a presidential preference primary.

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

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

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