

SENATE BILL 882

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Campaign Signs at Polling Places**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the time period during which campaign signs shall be allowed
4 on the premises of polling places for an election; and generally relating to campaign
5 signs at polling places during an election.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Election Law

8 Section 10-101(a)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 10-101.

15 (a) (1) Each local board shall designate a polling place that meets the
16 requirements of this subsection for each precinct in the county as established by the local
17 board in accordance with Title 2 of this article.

18 (2) Each polling place shall:

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 (i) provide an environment that is suitable to the proper conduct of
2 an election;

(ii) be located as conveniently as practicable for the majority of registered voters assigned to that polling place;

(iii) except as authorized in paragraph (4) of this subsection, be in a public building;

(iv) be in the precinct that it serves unless no suitable location for a polling place can be found within that precinct, in which case the board may establish the polling place in an adjacent precinct; and

10 (v) whenever practicable, be selected and arranged to avoid
11 architectural and other barriers that impede access or voting by elderly and physically
12 disabled voters.

16 (ii) Light, heat, and custodial and janitorial services for the space
17 shall be provided to the local board without charge.

(iii) 1. Subject to subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, electioneering shall be allowed on the premises of the public building up to the electioneering boundary established under § 16–206(b) of this article.

25 B. [7] 4 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins
26 under § 10–301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

27 (4) (i) If suitable space in a public building is not available, a local board
28 may pay a reasonable fee for the use of space in a privately owned building.

29 (ii) A polling place may not be located in a privately owned building
30 unless the owner of the building agrees to:

5 B. [7] 4 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins
6 under § 10–301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

10 (iv) An election may be held in a building that is owned and occupied
11 by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:

(v) An early voting center may be located in a building that is partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license if:

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