

SENATE BILL 960

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By: **Senators Salling and Bates**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Reporting of Precinct Results**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of canvassers to prepare a statement of election
4 results by precinct that includes all votes cast by voters registered in each precinct
5 who voted on an early voting day and by absentee ballot; requiring the State Board
6 of Elections to prepare a report that includes election results by precinct of all votes
7 cast by voters registered in each precinct who voted on an early voting day and by
8 absentee ballot; and generally relating to the reporting of election results by precinct.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 11–402
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 11–402.

18 (a) Unless otherwise provided by the Maryland Constitution, and except as
19 provided in subsection (b) of this section, each board of canvassers shall prepare a
20 statement of election results by precinct for each candidate or question voted on at the
21 election and declare:

22 (1) who is elected or nominated for office:

23 (i) in county government; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) for any other office voted for only within that county, if the
2 certificate of candidacy for that office was issued by the local board; and

3 (2) whether or not a question is adopted or approved.

4 (b) The statement prepared by the board of canvassers under this section [may
5 not report the absentee vote separately by] **SHALL INCLUDE FOR EACH precinct, THE**
6 **NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO VOTED:**

7 **(1) ON AN EARLY VOTING DAY; AND**

8 **(2) BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

9 (c) Each local board shall publish a sufficient number of copies of the complete
10 election results, tabulated by precinct, and shall make the copies available to the public at
11 cost.

12 (d) (1) In addition to the statement of election results specified under
13 subsection (a) of this section, the State Board shall make available in an electronic format
14 a report of election results for each candidate or question voted on at the election:

15 (i) by precinct, **INCLUDING ALL VOTES CAST BY VOTERS**
16 **REGISTERED IN EACH PRECINCT WHO VOTED:**

17 **1. ON AN EARLY VOTING DAY; AND**

18 **2. BY ABSENTEE BALLOT;**

19 (ii) by State legislative district, including any subdistrict;

20 (iii) by county legislative district; and

21 (iv) for each county as a whole.

22 (2) The State Board may make the report specified under paragraph (1) of
23 this subsection available to the public at cost.

24 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect June
25 1, 2017.