

Chapter 439

(House Bill 1382)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

Article – Election Law

5–706.

(a) This section does not apply to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.