

Chapter 42

(Senate Bill 230)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Canvassing of Absentee Ballots – Reporting Unofficial Results

FOR the purpose of requiring local boards of elections to prepare and release a report of the unofficial results of the absentee ballot vote tabulation at the end of each day of absentee ballot canvassing; and generally relating to absentee ballot vote canvassing.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 11–302(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Election Law
Section 11–302(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

11–302.

(a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated counting center to canvass the absentee ballots cast in that election in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

(E) AT THE END OF EACH DAY OF CANVASSING, A LOCAL BOARD SHALL PREPARE AND RELEASE A REPORT OF THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTE TABULATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.