

HOUSE BILL 177

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By: **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2019

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Judicial Proceedings Involving Local Boards of Elections –**
3 **Notice**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision that requires a local board of elections to
5 provide to the State Board of Elections a copy of the complaint or other pleading that
6 initiated a judicial proceeding in which a local board is a party by removing the
7 requirement that the copy be provided by certified mail; and generally relating to
8 notice provided to the State Board of Elections of judicial proceedings involving a
9 local board of elections.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 2–105
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 2–105.

19 In any judicial proceeding in which a local board is a party, the State Board:

20 (1) immediately after the action has been filed, shall be provided [by
21 certified mail] by the local board with a copy of the complaint or other pleading that
22 initiated the proceeding; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) may join as a party to the proceeding.

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