

HOUSE BILL 569

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By: **Delegates Rose and Shoemaker**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Local Board Employees – Repeal of Voter Registration**
3 **Requirement**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that classified employees of a local board of
5 elections be registered voters of the State; and generally relating to employees of a
6 local board of elections.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 2–207
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 2–207.

16 (a) (1) This section applies to each employee of a local board.

17 (2) This section does not apply to:

18 (i) local board counsel; or

19 (ii) an election judge.

20 (b) This section does not alter in any manner the method by which the salary of
21 an employee of a local board is funded by the county in which the employee is employed.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsection ~~[(f)]~~ **(E)** of this section, if the
2 employees of a local board are covered by its county merit system:

3 (i) the employees shall be classified employees under the county
4 merit system; and

5 (ii) the employees may be appointed and removed subject to the
6 personnel regulations of the county in which the local board is located.

7 (2) If the employees of a local board are not covered by its county merit
8 system:

9 (i) the employees shall be in the skilled service or professional
10 service of the State Personnel Management System;

11 (ii) appointment and removal of the employees shall be in accordance
12 with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern skilled service
13 or professional service employees; and

14 (iii) notwithstanding § 4–201 of the State Personnel and Pensions
15 Article, upon recommendation of the State Administrator, the State Board shall determine
16 the fixed rate of compensation of the employees.

17 **[(d) Each classified employee shall be a registered voter of the State.]**

18 **[(e)] (D)** An employee of a local board is subject to the restrictions and
19 requirements of § 2–301 of this title.

20 **[(f)] (E)** The election director in Prince George’s County shall be in the exempt
21 service under the Prince George’s County Personnel System.

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