

SENATE BILL 32

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By: **Senator Benson**

Requested: November 1, 2018

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Reduced Days of Operation**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the days each early voting center is required to be open for
4 voting before a primary or general election; and generally relating to the days of
5 operation for early voting centers.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Election Law

8 Section 10–301.1(d)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Election Law**

14 10–301.1.

15 (d) Each early voting center shall be open for voting as follows:

16 (1) [beginning] the second Thursday **AND SECOND FRIDAY** before a
17 primary or general election;

18 **(2) THE SECOND MONDAY** through the Thursday before [the] **A PRIMARY**
19 **OR GENERAL** election; and

20 **[(2)] (3)** during the following hours:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (i) in a presidential general election, during the hours between 8
2 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day; and

3 (ii) in all other elections, during the hours between 10 a.m. and 8
4 p.m. each early voting day.

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