

HOUSE BILL 873

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By: **Delegates Boyce, Acevero, Bridges, R. Lewis, Lierman, McIntosh, Moon, Palakovich Carr, Smith, Stewart, Terrasa, C. Watson, Wells, and K. Young**
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Party and Public Offices – Prohibitions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for a
4 party office and a public office; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding
5 a party office and a public office; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
6 relating to simultaneous candidacy for and incumbency in more than one office.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 5–204

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 5–204.

16 (a) An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one public
17 office.

18 (b) An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one office
19 of a political party.

20 (c) [Unless otherwise prohibited by rule of the applicable political party, an] **AN**
21 individual simultaneously may **NOT** be a candidate for a party office and a public office.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(D) AN INDIVIDUAL SIMULTANEOUSLY MAY NOT HOLD A PARTY OFFICE AND**
2 **A PUBLIC OFFICE.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 January 1, 2021.