HOUSE BILL 335

HB 873/20 – W&M (PRE–FILED)

By: Delegate Boyce
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain individuals; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for a party office and an elected public office; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office; making clarifying changes; and generally relating to simultaneous candidacy for and incumbency in more than one office.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 5–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

5–204.

(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SIMULTANEOUSLY HOLDS AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE AND IS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION.

[(a)] (B) An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one ELECTED public office.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one office of a political party.

[Unless otherwise prohibited by rule of the applicable political party, an] AN individual simultaneously may NOT be a candidate for a party office and [a] AN ELECTED public office.

AN INDIVIDUAL SIMULTANEOUSLY MAY NOT HOLD A PARTY OFFICE AND AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE.

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