

HOUSE BILL 335

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HB 873/20 – W&M

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Delegate Boyce**

Requested: June 19, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 5–204
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 5–204.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **[(b)] (C)** An individual simultaneously may not be a candidate for more than one
2 office of a political party.

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

6 **(E)** **AN INDIVIDUAL SIMULTANEOUSLY MAY NOT HOLD A PARTY OFFICE AND**
7 **AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE.**

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