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A BILL ENTITLED

Election Law - Primary Elections - Change of Political Party Affiliation

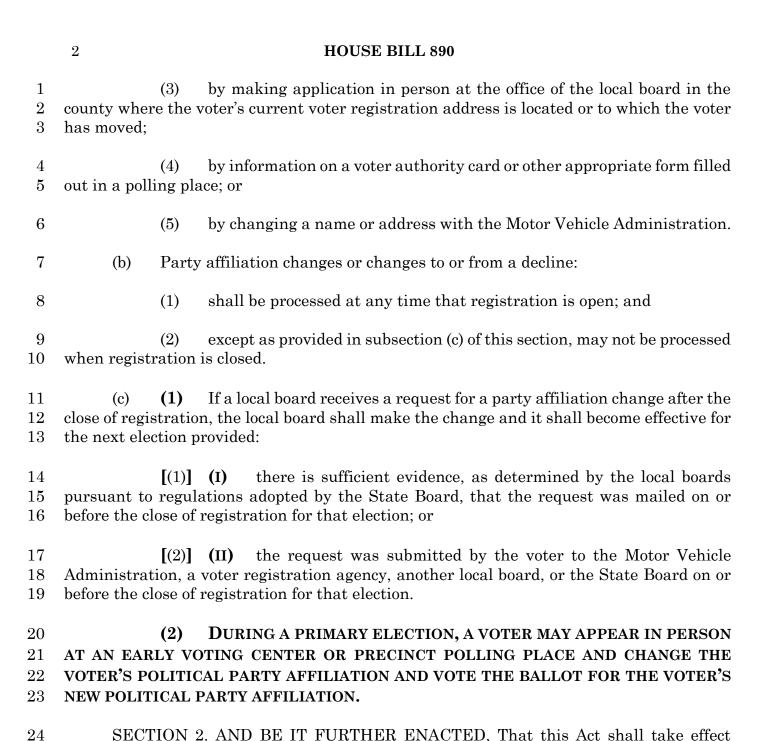
1 AN ACT concerning

- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a voter to change the voter's political party affiliation at an
- 4 early voting center or precinct polling place during a primary election and vote the
- ballot for the voter's new political party affiliation; and generally relating to
- 6 changing political party affiliation and voting in a primary election.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article Election Law
- 9 Section 3–303
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 3–303.

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- 16 (a) Notification of a change of party affiliation or a change to or from a decline
- 17 may be made:
- 18 (1) by information provided on a voter registration application by the same
- 19 methods provided for registration under Subtitle 2 of this title;
- 20 (2) by written notice, signed by the voter and sent by mail or otherwise
- 21 delivered to the local board in the county where the voter's current voter registration
- 22 address is located or to which the voter has moved:





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