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By: Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

- 2 Election Law Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party Process
- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a
- 4 new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; prohibiting
- 5 signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting
- 6 certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition; and
- 7 generally relating to petitions for the formation of a new political party.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Election Law
- 10 Section 4-102(c)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
- 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 15 Article Election Law
- 16 4–102.
- 17 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a petition for the
- 18 formation of a new political party, or any additional signatures to a petition, may be filed
- 19 at any time.
- 20 (2) A petition for the formation of a new political party, or any additional
- 21 signatures to a petition, may be filed:
- 22 (i) in the year of an election at which the President is elected except:

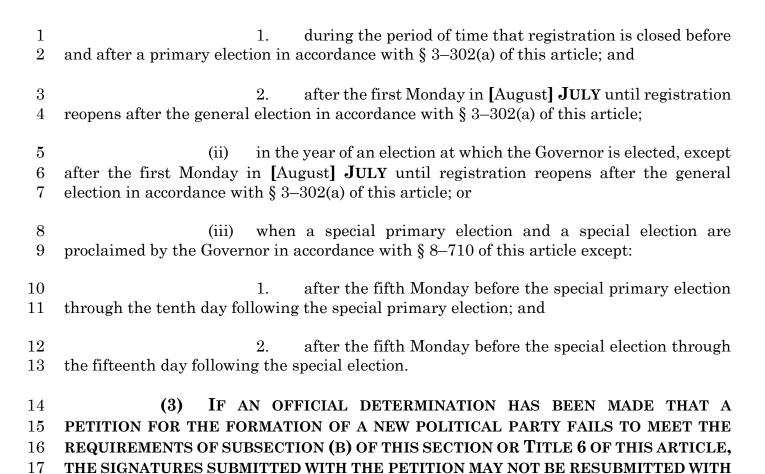
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A SUBSEQUENT PETITION.



SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July