SENATE BILL 308

G15lr1406 By: Senator Simonaire, Brooks, and Kagan Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2025 Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: February 25, 2025 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Election Law - Chief Election Judges - Party Affiliation FOR the purpose of requiring the election director of a local board of elections to designate chief election judges from certain political parties to each polling place except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the party affiliation of chief election judges. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Election Law Section 10-201 Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Election Law Section 10-203(a) and (b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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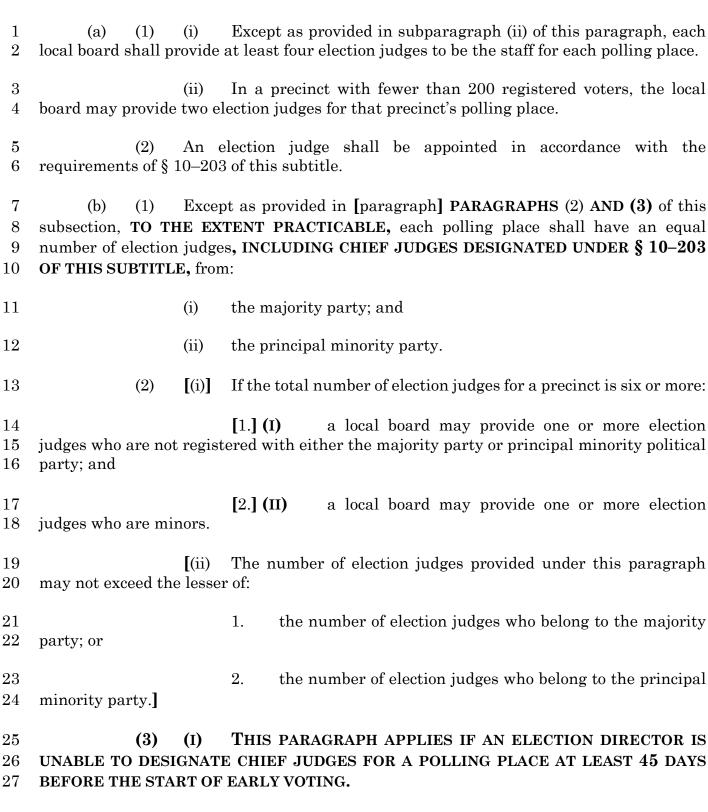
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Article - Election Law



28 (II) IF AN ELECTION DIRECTOR DESIGNATING TWO CHIEF 29 JUDGES FOR A POLLING PLACE UNDER § 10–203 OF THIS SUBTITLE IS UNABLE TO 30 DESIGNATE THE CHIEF JUDGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS 31 SUBSECTION, AN ELECTION DIRECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE:

$\frac{1}{2}$	1. ONE CHIEF JUDGE FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY OF THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY POLITICAL PARTY; AND
3 4	2. ONE CHIEF JUDGE WHO IS NOT REGISTERED WITH EITHER THE MAJORITY PARTY OR THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY POLITICAL PARTY.
5	10–203.
6 7 8	(a) The election director, with the approval of the local board, shall appoint the election judges for each polling place for a term that begins on the Tuesday that is 13 week before each statewide primary election.
9	(b) One or two election judges in each precinct shall:
10	(1) be designated chief judge; and
11	(2) supervise the staff at the polling place.
12 13	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.