

Chapter 257

(Senate Bill 443)

AN ACT concerning

Local Boards of Elections – Board Counsel – Qualifications

FOR the purpose of altering the qualifications for counsel to local boards of elections; and generally relating to local boards of elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 2–201(a)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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Article – Election Law

Section 2–205(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

2–201.

- (a) (1) There is a county board of elections in each county of the State.

2–205.

- (a) Each local board may appoint or retain as counsel an individual who is:
- (1) a registered voter of [its county] **THE STATE**; and
 - (2) admitted to practice law in the State.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.