

SB0670/763329/1

BY: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 670
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “**Places**” insert “, **Early Voting Centers, and Counting Centers**”; strike beginning with “or” in line 5 down through “designee” in line 6 and substitute “, the Deputy State Administrator.”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “or the local election director’s designee”; in line 8, strike “persons” and substitute “individuals”; in line 9, strike “authorizing” and substitute “requiring”; in line 10, strike the second comma and substitute “challengers and watchers; authorizing a local election director, while serving in a polling place, to”; in the same line, strike the third comma; in line 12, strike “types of”; in line 14, strike “and canvassing locations” and substitute “; altering the persons that may designate a registered voter as an observer at each counting center.”; in line 15, strike “local board employees” and substitute “persons”; in the same line, after “places” insert “, early voting centers, and counting centers”; in line 18, strike “and” and substitute a comma; in the same line, after “10-311” insert “, and 11-301(a-1)(2)”.

On page 2, after line 2, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 11-301(a-1)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 9, strike “OR THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESIGNEE” and substitute “, **THE DEPUTY STATE ADMINISTRATOR**”; in lines 10 and 21, in each instance, strike “OR THE LOCAL ELECTION DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE”; strike beginning

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with “OR” in line 12 down through “DESIGNEE” in line 13 and substitute “, THE DEPUTY STATE ADMINISTRATOR”; strike beginning with the second “OR” in line 13 down through “DESIGNEE” in line 14; in line 20, strike “OR THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESIGNEE” and substitute “, THE DEPUTY STATE ADMINISTRATOR,”; and in line 30, strike “MAY” and substitute “SHALL”.

On page 3, in line 9, strike “BOARD EMPLOYEE” and substitute “ELECTION DIRECTOR”; in line 18, strike the first comma and substitute “OR”; and in the same line, strike “, AND CANVASSING LOCATION”.

On page 4, in line 2, strike the second set of brackets; in the same line, strike “MAY”; and in lines 19 and 26, in each instance, strike “OR CANVASSING ROOM”.

On page 5, after line 21, insert:

“11-301.

(a-1) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a board of canvassers and the staff of a local board may be observed as they complete each part of the canvass by authorized observers designated under paragraph (2) of this subsection and any other individuals who wish to be present.

(2) The following [individuals or entities] PERSONS have the right to designate a registered voter as an observer at each counting center:

(i) a candidate FOR ANY COUNTY WHERE THE CANDIDATE IS INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT;

(ii) a political party; [and]

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(iii) [any other group of voters supporting or opposing a candidate, principle, or proposition on the ballot] A POLITICAL COMMITTEE; AND

(IV) A PERSON REQUIRED TO FILE REPORTS UNDER § 13-306 OR § 13-307 OF THIS ARTICLE.”.