

LAWS OF MARYLAND 1969

MARYLAND, Sct.:

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, Beginning in the City of Annapolis on the Fifteenth Day of January 1969, and Ending on the Twenty-Fifth Day of March, 1969, Marvin Mandel, being Governor of the State, the following Laws were enacted, to wit:

CHAPTER 1

(Senate Bill 137)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1-1(a) (11) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Definitions," changing the definitions of the terms "majority party" and "principal minority party" for the purposes of the election laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 1-1(a) (11) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Definitions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(a) (11) **[**"Majority party" means the party whose candidate for Governor received the highest number of votes at the last preceding general election. The "principal minority party" means the party whose candidate for Governor received the second highest number of votes at the last preceding general election. The majority party and the principal minority party shall together constitute the two principal political parties.**]** *The "majority party" means the principal political party to which the incumbent Governor belongs, if the incumbent Governor is a member of one of the two principal political parties; if the incumbent Governor is not a member of one of the two principal political parties, "majority party" means the principal political party whose candidate for Governor received the highest number of votes at the last preceding general election. The principal "minority party" means the other of the two principal political parties. The "principal political parties" mean the two parties whose candidates for Governor received the highest and second highest number of votes at the last preceding general election.*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets**]** indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.