

CHAPTER 352

(Senate Bill 509)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1A-1 (e), 2-11 (a) (2), 2-11 (b) (1), 2-11 (b) (2), 3-12 (a), 3-22 (a), 4A-6 (b), 8-5 (a), 15-3 (a), 16-3 (b) (3), 16-4 (b), 16-5 (a), 16-5 (b), 16-5 (c), 16-5 (e), 16-6 (a), 16-6 (b), 16-11 (d), 16-11 (h), 17-5 (a), 17-5 (e), 17-8, 18-2 (b), 23-1 (a), 26-4 (b), 26-9 (b), 26-11 (a), 26-11 (c), 26-13 (a) and 26-18 (d) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitles "State Administrative Board of Election Laws," "Election Board and Employees," "Registration of Voters—How and By Whom Conducted," "Certificate of Candidacy," "Nomination by Petition," "Party Governing Bodies," "General Provisions for Voting," "Voting Machines," "Board of Canvassers," "Questions," "Fair Election Practices"; and to add new Section 2-9 (e) to follow immediately after Section 2-9 (d) and add new Section 26-11 (e), to follow immediately after Section 26-11 (d) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitles "Election Boards and Employees," and "Fair Election Practices"; to repeal and to enact in lieu thereof new Section 3-2 (a), to follow immediately after Section 3-1, and new Section 3-2 (c), to follow immediately after Section 3-2 (b), of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitle "Registration of Voters—General Provisions"; and to repeal in their entirety Sections 2-11 (c) and 17-5 (d) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitles "Election Boards and Employees" and "Board of Canvassers"; ~~providing for and granting additional rule making powers to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws over the various boards of supervisors of elections of the State;~~ **GRANTING SUPERVISORY POWER TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS;** regulating the operating hours of the various boards of supervisors of elections of the State on the fifth Monday prior to any election and during the calendar year; repealing the provision that the physical requirements for places of registration be the same as for places of polling; providing that local boards of supervisors of elections may select places for registration of voters; prohibiting the use of carbonized registration forms by voter registrars; providing for advance costs to accompany request for lists of registered voters; providing for the inclusion of the office of Lieutenant Governor in the Election Code; providing standards for the placing of advertising by local boards of supervisors of elections; providing for write-in votes for candidates not included on the official ballot; regulating and limiting the time for court challenge of official ballots after publication and display by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws; providing for the order and positioning of candidates, parties and constitutional amendments and other referenda questions on the ballots; substituting the State Administrative Board of Election Laws for the Secretary of State as the authority to prepare condensed statements of constitutional amendments and questions appearing on the ballot; providing for test votes on repaired or disabled machines by machine custodians during the course of an election under certain supervised conditions; changing