

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.

CHAPTER 120

(Senate Bill 129)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law - Ballots - Certification of Questions and Nomination of Candidates

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain political parties to nominate candidates to the ballot if the parties do not nominate candidates by primary election; clarifying how political parties may fill vacancies; repealing certain provisions regarding the filling of a vacancy in nomination for certain petition candidates; providing that unless a board of education race is partisan a candidate may not qualify by petition or party nomination; removing a certain exception to the requirements for certifying certain questions to the ballot; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to certification of questions and nomination of candidates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

Section 4-102(f), 5-701, 5-702, 5-703(a) and (b), 5-1003, 5-1004, 7-103, and 8-803

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Election Law

Section 5-703.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Election Law

Section 5-1102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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