

# HOUSE BILL 1503

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Congressional Representatives – Residence Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on a certain date, a candidate for Representative  
4 in Congress who is elected to be a resident of a certain congressional district  
5 beginning on the date of the candidate's election; and generally relating to a  
6 residence requirement for Representatives in Congress.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 5–202

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 5–202.

16 **(A)** A candidate for public or party office must be a registered voter at an address  
17 that satisfies any residence requirement for the office that is imposed by law and, in the  
18 case of a party office, by party rules.

19 **(B) BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2022, A CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE**  
20 **IN CONGRESS WHO IS ELECTED MUST, BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF THE**  
21 **CANDIDATE'S ELECTION, BE A RESIDENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT THAT**  
22 **THE CANDIDATE HAS BEEN ELECTED TO REPRESENT.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2020.