

SENATE BILL 18

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Muse**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Early Voting – Number of Days**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of days on which early voting centers are required
4 to be open before a primary or general election; and generally relating to early voting.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Election Law
7 Section 10–301.1(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 10–301.1(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 10–301.1.

19 (a) Except as provided under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article, during any
20 regularly scheduled primary or general election a voter may vote:

21 (1) in the voter’s assigned precinct on election day; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) at an early voting center in the voter's county of residence on any early
2 voting day in accordance with this section.

3 (d) Each early voting center shall be open for voting as follows:

4 (1) beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election
5 through the [Thursday] **SECOND MONDAY** before the election; and

6 (2) during the hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2025.