

SENATE BILL 271

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By: **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county
4 and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State
5 Administrator of Elections; altering the information that the State Administrator is
6 required to make arrangements to obtain from the clerk of the United States District
7 Court for the District of Maryland; requiring a public official responsible for the use
8 of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center
9 to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain
10 provision of law; authorizing an incumbent member of a political party central
11 committee who is a candidate for party office to act as any responsible officer, rather
12 than only the treasurer, of that central committee; and generally relating to election
13 law.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Election Law
16 Section 3–504(a)(1)(i) and 13–215(b)(1)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Election Law
21 Section 3–504(a)(1)(iii) and (2), 10–301.1(e), and 13–215(b)(2)(i)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Election Law**

2 3–504.

3 (a) (1) (i) Information from the agencies specified in this paragraph shall
4 be reported to the State Administrator in a format and at times prescribed by the State
5 Board.

6 (iii) The clerk of the circuit court for each county and the
7 administrative clerk for each District Court shall report the names and addresses of all
8 individuals convicted, in the respective court, of a felony **AND CURRENTLY SERVING A**
9 **COURT-ORDERED SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CONVICTION** since the date
10 of the last report.

11 (2) The State Administrator shall make arrangements with the clerk of the
12 United States District Court for the District of Maryland to receive reports of names and
13 addresses, if available, of individuals convicted of a felony in that court **AND CURRENTLY**
14 **SERVING A COURT-ORDERED SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE CONVICTION.**

15 10–301.1.

16 (e) (1) Each early voting center shall satisfy the requirements of § 10–101 of
17 this title.

18 (2) **THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE OF A PUBLIC**
19 **BUILDING REQUESTED BY A LOCAL BOARD FOR AN EARLY VOTING CENTER SHALL**
20 **MAKE THE PUBLIC BUILDING AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL BOARD IN ACCORDANCE**
21 **WITH § 10–101(A)(3) OF THIS TITLE.**

22 13–215.

23 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a candidate may not act:

24 (i) as the treasurer of a campaign finance entity of the candidate; or

25 (ii) with respect to any other campaign finance entity:

26 1. as the campaign manager or treasurer; or

27 2. in any other position that exercises general overall
28 responsibility for the conduct of the entity.

29 (2) (i) An incumbent member of a central committee who is a candidate
30 for election to party office may act as [the treasurer] **A RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** of that
31 central committee.

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