Staff Report

R-2-15

| Maryland law currently requires licensed establishments to close on Election Days, unless the |
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| establishment serves food. This means that retailers of alcoholic beverages and the one |
| Annapolis Tavern must remain closed while the polls are open. The early voting laws greatly |
| impact the establishments that are required to stay closed while the polls are open. Therefore, |
| the purpose of R-2-15 is to evidence the Annapolis City Council's support of SB 89, which will |
| permit all licensed establishments and retailers of alcohol to remain open during Elections. |

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