

**Elections Code Updates** – For the purpose of amending and updating Chapters 4.08; 4.20; 4.24; 4.32; 4.40 and 4.44 of the Code of the City of Annapolis concerning polling places; nominations and candidacy; voting and voting machines; board of canvassers; ballot question procedures; and matters generally relating to these amendments and updates.

This legislation contains amendments and updates proposed by the Board of Supervisors of Elections in concert with the Office of Law.

The legislation addresses concerns regarding payment options and timing of payments required for the filing of certificates of candidacy. The legislation permits a single polling location by ward and addresses new or changed polling location procedures allowing for flexibility in mailing of notices of new polling places when changes are made more than 6 months prior to an election.

The legislation contains Code amendments concerning what information is to be included on the challenger/watcher form as prescribed by the board, where to deliver the form, and adds verbiage from the County Code on permitted and non-permitted activities.

The legislation also extends the time for an individual to vote from 2 minutes to five minutes, and following State Election law, now provides for a begin date for obtaining a certificate of candidacy.

Finally, the legislation establishes when the canvass begins after the primary, general or any special election.

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