

Chapter 311

(Senate Bill 645)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Gubernatorial Primary Election – Date

FOR the purpose of altering the date for the statewide primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election; and generally relating to the date for primary elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 8–201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

8–201.

(a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered year.

(2) A primary election shall be held:

(i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the [last] **FOURTH** Tuesday in June; and

(ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is elected, on the fourth Tuesday in April.

(b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices on the fourth Tuesday in April in the year in which the President of the United States is elected.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.