

A014-0708

10 AN ACT CONCERNING

20 **Election Law – Voting – Ballots - Content**

30 FOR the purpose of allowing the option to vote for “None of the Above” in
40 elections in the State of Maryland.

50 BY repealing, and reenacting, with amendments:

60 Article – Election Law

70 Section 9-205

80 Annotated Code of Maryland (2007)

90 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT
100 LEGISLATURE, that the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

110 Each ballot shall contain:

120 (1) a heading as provided in § 9-206(a) of this subtitle;

130 (2) a statement of each question that has met all of the qualifications to appear on
140 the ballot;

150 (3) the title of each office to be voted on;

160 (4) the name, as specified in the certificate of candidacy, or as otherwise provided
170 in Title 5 of this article, of each candidate who has been certified by the State
180 Board;

190 (5) a party designation for certain candidates as provided in this subtitle;

200 (6) a means by which a voter may cast write-in votes, as provided in this subtitle;
210 ~~and~~

220 (7) A MEANS BY WHICH A VOTER SHALL BE AFFORDED THE
230 OPPORTUNITY TO CAST A VOTE FOR NONE OF THE ABOVE
240 CANDIDATES FOR AS MANY POSITIONS AS ARE TO BE FILLED IN A
250 CONTEST; AND

260 ~~(7)~~ (8) instructions to voters as provided in this subtitle.

270 **SECTION 2.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this act take effect
280 January 1, 2009.

290 **MANDATES:** Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland

300 Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland
310 Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, President of the Maryland Senate
320 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates
330 Edward J. Kasemeyer, Maryland Senate Majority Leader
340 David R. Brinkley, Maryland Senate Minority Leader
350 Kumar P. Barve, Maryland House Majority Leader
360 Anthony J. O'Donnell, Maryland House Minority Leader

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