

**IN THE MATTER OF
2022 LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTING OF THE STATE**

*** IN THE
* COURT OF APPEALS
* OF MARYLAND
* MISC. NOS.
* 21, 24, 25, 26, 27
* SEPTEMBER TERM, 2021**

ORDER

The Court of Appeals of Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of Article III, § 5 of the Constitution of Maryland, is vested with original jurisdiction to review the legislative districting plan upon petition of any registered voter, and has received timely-filed petitions challenging the validity of the 2022 legislative districting plan enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland as Senate Joint Resolution 2.

Special Magistrate Alan M. Wilner, appointed by Order of this Court on January 28, 2022, has scheduled a hearing on the merits in the above-captioned cases to commence on March 23, 2022 and extend, if necessary, through March 25, 2022, which accordingly will occur after the current primary election candidate filing deadline of March 22, 2022.

The Special Magistrate intends to produce and file a report with the Court on April 5, 2022. After the issuance of the Special Magistrate's report, the parties may wish to file exceptions and/or request a hearing concerning the Special Magistrate's report, which would require extension of various dates in the Election Calendar for the efficient conduct of an election after the determination of whether the legislative districting plan satisfies constitutional standards.

Now, therefore, it is this 15th day of March, 2022, ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that

(1) The 2022 Primary for Gubernatorial Elections, scheduled for June 28, 2022, is moved to July 19, 2022.

(2) The following deadlines are amended for the 2022 Primary for the Gubernatorial Elections:

(a) The deadline for filing certificates of candidacy, established pursuant to Maryland Code, (1957, 2017 Repl. Vol., 2021 Supp.), Election Law Article ("EL") § 5-303 as Tuesday, February 22, 2022

and extended by Order of this Court on February 11, 2022 (the “February 11 Order”) to Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 9:00 p.m., is extended to Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:00 p.m.;

(b) The deadline for candidates to withdraw a certificate of candidacy, established pursuant to EL § 5-502(a) as Friday, March 4, 2022 and extended by this Court’s February 11 Order to Thursday, March 24, 2022, is extended to Monday, April 18, 2022;

(c) The deadline to fill a vacancy in candidacy for a primary election, established pursuant to EL § 5-901 as Tuesday, March 8, 2022 and extended by this Court’s February 11 Order to Monday, March 28, 2022, is extended to Wednesday, April 20, 2022;

(d) The deadline to challenge a candidate’s residency, established pursuant to EL § 5-305 as Wednesday, March 9, 2022 and extended by this Court’s February 11 Order to Tuesday, March 29, 2022, is extended to Thursday, April 21, 2022;

(e) Pursuant to EL § 9-207, the Maryland State Board of Elections is authorized to adjust any deadlines related to certifying, displaying, and printing ballots.

/s/ Joseph M. Getty
Joseph M. Getty
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: March 15, 2022

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson
Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

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