SENATE BILL 270

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Senator Carozza

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Elections - County Commissioners Districts and Board of Education Candidate Filings

FOR the purpose of establishing new boundaries for the county commissioner districts in
Somerset County; providing for the reopening of the candidate filing deadline for a
candidate for the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education who
will be elected at the 2022 general election; prohibiting an individual who files for
the office of member of the Somerset County Board of Education from withdrawing
the candidacy; and generally relating to the election of county commissioners and
members of the Board of Education in Somerset County.

- 11 BY repealing
- 12 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
- 13 Section 2–102(b) through (f)
- 14 Article 20 Public Local Laws of Maryland
- 15 (2015 Edition, as amended)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 17 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
- 18 Section 2–102(a)
- 19 Article 20 Public Local Laws of Maryland
- 20 (2015 Edition, as amended)
- 21 BY adding to
- 22 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
- 23 Section 2–102(b) through (f)
- 24 Article 20 Public Local Laws of Maryland
- 25 (2015 Edition, as amended)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 27 That Section(s) 2–102(b) through (f) of Article 20 – Somerset County of the Code of Public

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 Local Laws of Maryland be repealed.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read 3 as follows:

Article 20 – Somerset County

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(a) The County is divided into 5 commissioners' districts.

7 **(B)** DISTRICT 1 CONSISTS OF THE AREA THAT IS BOUNDED BY THE INTERSECTION OF DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH 8 AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, TURNING ONTO COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD IN A 9 NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE INTERSECTION OF COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD AND 10 UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822), THEN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE 11 CENTER OF UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822) TO SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE 12675), CROSSING SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE 675) TO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN 13HIGHWAY), THEN FOLLOWING U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) IN A SOUTHERLY 14DIRECTION TO KINGS CREEK, THEN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG KINGS 15CREEK TO STEWART NECK ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 16ONTO STEWART NECK ROAD, FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF STEWART NECK ROAD 1718 TO ITS END AND TO THE INTERSECTION OF STEWART NECK ROAD AND REVELLS NECK ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ON REVELLS NECK ROAD 19 20AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE CENTER OF REVELLS NECK ROAD TO MILLARD LONG ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO MILLARD LONG ROAD, 21CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MILLARD LONG ROAD TO ITS END AND TO THE 22INTERSECTION OF MILLARD LONG ROAD AND FAIRMOUNT ROAD (U.S. ROUTE 23361), THEN TURNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ONTO FAIRMOUNT ROAD (U.S. 24ROUTE 361) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (U.S. 25ROUTE 361) TO CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413), CONTINUING ACROSS 2627CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413) TO RITZEL ROAD TO ITS END AND THE INTERSECTION OF RITZEL ROAD AND OLD WESTOVER MARION ROAD, THEN 28TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO OLD WESTOVER MARION ROAD, 29RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF OLD WESTOVER MARION ROAD TO TURKEY 30 BRANCH ROAD, TURNING ONTO TURKEY BRANCH ROAD AND RUNNING ALONG THE 31 32CENTER OF TURKEY BRANCH ROAD IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO WEDDA SCOTT 33 ROAD AND CONTINUING TO THE END OF TURKEY BRANCH ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO MENNONITE CHURCH ROAD, RUNNING ALONG THE 34CENTER OF THE ROAD OF MENNONITE CHURCH ROAD TO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN 35 HIGHWAY), CONTINUING ACROSS U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) TO ARDEN 36 STATION ROAD, CONTINUING TO CURTIS CHAPEL ROAD, CROSSING CURTIS 37 38 CHAPEL ROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AND RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF 39 ARDEN STATION ROAD, CONTINUING TO AND CROSSING BACK CREEK AND

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD, THEN CONTINUING FROM BACK CREEK AND 1 $\mathbf{2}$ NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION CROSSING AN 3 IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 3400 FEET TO MITCHELL ROAD, CONTINUING ACROSS MITCHELL ROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS ANOTHER 4 IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 1080 FEET TO MOORE BRANCH AND $\mathbf{5}$ 6 CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF MOORE 7 BRANCH TO AN INTERSECTION OF MOORE BRANCH AND KINGS CREEK, THEN 8 FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF KINGS CREEK IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO 9 DUBLIN ROAD, CROSSING OVER DUBLIN ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF KINGS CREEK IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND THEN IN A 10 NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO PERRYHAWKIN ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A 11 NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO PERRYHAWKIN ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG 12THE CENTER OF PERRYHAWKIN ROAD IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO WEST POST 13OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388), THEN TURNING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 1415ONTO WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD, TURNING IN A 16 NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD AND CONTINUING 17ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO ITS END AND TO THE INTERSECTION OF 18 BACKBONE ROAD AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, THEN TURNING ONTO COLLEGE 19 BACKBONE ROAD IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION AND FOLLOWING ALONG THE 2021CENTER OF COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD AND CONNECTING TO MCCAIN DRIVE, 22CONTINUING TO FOLLOW ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD ON MCCAIN DRIVE, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO ART SHELL PLAZA, THEN 23TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH 24AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH TO THE 2526INTERSECTION OF DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH 27AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

DISTRICT 2 CONSISTS OF THE AREA THAT IS BOUNDED BY THE 28**(C)** INTERSECTIONS OF DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD 29SOUTH AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, TURNING ONTO COLLEGE BACKBONE 30 **ROAD IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE INTERSECTION OF COLLEGE BACKBONE** 31 ROAD AND UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822), THEN TURNING IN A NORTHWESTERLY 3233 DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF UMES BLVD (MD ROUTE 822) TO SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE 675), CROSSING SOMERSET AVENUE (MD ROUTE 675) TO U.S. 34 ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY), THEN FOLLOWING U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN 35 HIGHWAY) IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO MT VERNON ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A 36 WESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO MT VERNON ROAD (MD ROUTE 362), CONTINUING 37 ALONG THE CENTER OF MT VERNON ROAD (MD ROUTE 362) IN A WESTERLY 38 39 DIRECTION, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO A BRANCH OF MONIE CREEK AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MONIE CREEK AND TO 40 MONIE BAY IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND THEN AROUND THE WESTERLY END OF 41 MT VERNON ROAD AND THEN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE MOUTH OF THE 42

WICOMICO RIVER, CONTINUING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE 1 $\mathbf{2}$ CENTER OF THE WICOMICO RIVER TO THE WICOMICO CREEK, THEN CONTINUING 3 IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG WICOMICO CREEK TO PASSERDYKE CREEK, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF PASSERDYKE CREEK TO U.S. ROUTE 13 4 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) AND CONTINUING TO FOLLOW PASSERDYKE CREEK IN A $\mathbf{5}$ SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG 6 THE CENTER OF MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD TO WEST POST OFFICE ROAD, THEN 7 8 TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ON WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD 9 **ROUTE 388) IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD AND TO ITS** 10 END, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM THE INTERSECTION 11 OF PALMETTO CHURCH ROAD, BACKBONE ROAD AND COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD 12ONTO COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD, RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD OF 13COLLEGE BACKBONE ROAD IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO MCCAIN DRIVE, 1415CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MCCAIN DRIVE, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO ART SHELL PLAZA, THEN TURNING IN A 16 SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH, FOLLOWING 17ALONG THE CENTER OF UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF 18 DR WILLIAM P HYTCHE BLVD, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD SOUTH AND COLLEGE 19 BACKBONE ROAD AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING. 20

DISTRICT 3 CONSISTS OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY A LINE BEGINNING AT 21**(**D**)** 22THE CENTER OF MONIE BAY, CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION NEAR NAIL POINT AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MONIE CREEK TO MT VERNON 23ROAD (MD ROUTE 362), THEN CONTINUING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE 24CENTER OF MT VERNON ROAD (MD ROUTE 362) TO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN 2526HIGHWAY), THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) TO KINGS CREEK, THEN TURNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG 27THE CENTER OF KINGS CREEK TO STEWART NECK ROAD, THEN IN A 28SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF STEWART NECK ROAD TO 29**REVELLS NECK ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ONTO REVELLS** 30 NECK ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO MILLARD 31LONG ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO MILLARD LONG 3233 ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MILLARD LONG ROAD TO ITS END AND CONNECTING WITH FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361), CROSSING 34FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361) IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO RIVER ROAD, 35 CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF RIVER ROAD TO THE BIG ANNEMESSEX 36 RIVER, CONTINUING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF THE BIG 37 ANNEMESSEX RIVER TO TANGIER SOUND, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF TANGIER 38 39 SOUND, THEN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE WICOMICO/SOMERSET COUNTY LINE AND TO THE CENTER OF MONIE BAY AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING. 40

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- (E) DISTRICT 4 CONSISTS OF THE AREA THAT IS BOUNDED BY A LINE

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST POST OFFICE ROAD (MD ROUTE 388) 1 $\mathbf{2}$ AND MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG WEST POST OFFICE ROAD 3 (MD ROUTE 388) IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO PERRYHAWKIN ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION 4 TO A BRANCH OF KINGS CREEK, THEN CONTINUING SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE $\mathbf{5}$ CENTER OF KINGS CREEK AND TAKING A SOUTHERLY TURN FROM KINGS CREEK 6 7 ACROSS AN IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 1080 FEET TO MOORE BRANCH 8 CROSSING MITCHELL ROAD AND CONTINUING ACROSS ANOTHER IMAGINARY LINE 9 OF A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 3400 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF ARDEN STATION ROAD AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD TRACKS, THEN IN A 10 SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF ARDEN STATION ROAD CROSSING 11 CURTIS CHAPEL ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF ARDEN STATION 12ROAD AND CROSSING U.S. ROUTE 13 (OCEAN HIGHWAY) TO MENNONITE CHURCH 13ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF MENNONITE CHURCH ROAD TO 1415TURKEY BRANCH ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF TURKEY BRANCH ROAD IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO ITS END TO OLD WESTOVER MARION 16 ROAD, THEN IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF OLD WESTOVER 17MARION ROAD TO RITZEL ROAD, THEN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE 18 CENTER OF RITZEL ROAD CROSSING CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413) TO 19 FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361), THEN IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE 2021CENTER OF FAIRMOUNT ROAD (MD ROUTE 361) TO RIVER ROAD, THEN IN A 22SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF RIVER ROAD TO THE BIG 23ANNEMESSEX RIVER, CONTINUING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF THE BIG ANNEMESSEX RIVER, THEN IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION 24TO FLATCAP BASIN, THEN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION TO WARD CREEK ON JANES 25ISLAND, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF WARD CREEK TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 2627IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND, THEN SOUTHERLY ALONG AN IMAGINARY LINE TO THE SHORELINE AT BACK CREEK, THEN FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE IN A 28SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER, CONTINUING ALONG 29THE CENTER OF LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER CONNECTING TO A PRIVATE 30 RIGHT-OF-WAY, RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO 31 BYRD ROAD, THEN RUNNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF 3233 BYRD ROAD TO JACKSONVILLE ROAD, THEN TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 34ONTO JACKSONVILLE ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO SILVER LANE, THEN TURNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ONTO SILVER LANE AND 35CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF SILVER LANE TO CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD 36 ROUTE 413), TURNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ONTO CRISFIELD HIGHWAY 37 (MD ROUTE 413) AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE ROAD TO LAWSON 38 39 BARNES ROAD, THEN TURNING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ONTO LAWSON BARNES ROAD AND CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF LAWSON BARNES ROAD AND 40 TURNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF LAWSON BARNES 41 ROAD, THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS AN IMAGINARY LINE OF 42APPROXIMATELY 520 FEET TO A BRANCH OF JOHNSONS CREEK, CONTINUING 43

ALONG THE CENTER OF JOHNSONS CREEK TO CASH CORNER ROAD, THEN TURNING 1 $\mathbf{2}$ IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF CASH CORNER ROAD TO 3 PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD (APPROXIMATELY 1180 FEET) THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION OFF OF 4 PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD TO A BRANCH OF HORSE CREEK, THEN CONTINUING $\mathbf{5}$ ALONG THE CENTER OF HORSE CREEK TO APE HOLE CREEK, THEN ALONG THE 6 7 CENTER OF APE HOLE CREEK TO THE POCOMOKE SOUND AND THE 8 MARYLAND/VIRGINIA STATE LINE, THEN ALONG THE STATE LINE TO THE 9 POCOMOKE RIVER, THEN ALONG THE Росомоке RIVER то THE SOMERSET/WORCESTER COUNTY LINE, THEN ALONG THE COUNTY LINE 10 (POCOMOKE RIVER) TO DIVIDING CREEK, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF 11 **DIVIDING CREEK TO MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF** 12MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF WEST POST OFFICE ROAD AND 13MEADOWBRIDGE ROAD AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING. 14

15**(F) DISTRICT 5 CONSISTS OF A POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE SOMERSET** COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE LOCATED JUST EAST OF SMITH ISLAND AND 16ENCOMPASSING SMITH ISLAND, SOUTH MARSH ISLAND, AND THE AREA THAT IS 17GENERALLY SOUTH AND WEST OF A LINE THAT RUNS FROM THE NORTH END OF 18 SOUTH MARSH ISLAND, THEN IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO FLATCAP BASIN 19 20TO THE CENTER OF WARD CREEK ON JANES ISLAND TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 21IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND, THEN SOUTHERLY ALONG AN IMAGINARY LINE TO THE SHORELINE AT BACK CREEK, THEN FOLLOWING THE SHORELINE IN A 22SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER, CONTINUING ALONG 23THE CENTER OF LITTLE ANNEMESSEX RIVER CONNECTING TO A PRIVATE 24RIGHT-OF-WAY, RUNNING ALONG THE CENTER OF THE PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO 2526BYRD ROAD, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF BYRD ROAD TO JACKSONVILLE ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF JACKSONVILLE ROAD IN A SOUTHERLY 27DIRECTION TO SILVER LANE, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF SILVER LANE TO 2829**CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413), CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION** ALONG THE CENTER OF CRISFIELD HIGHWAY (MD ROUTE 413) TO LAWSON BARNES 30 ROAD, THEN CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF LAWSON BARNES ROAD IN A 31SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, THEN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ACROSS AN 3233 IMAGINARY LINE OF APPROXIMATELY 520 FEET TO A BRANCH OF JOHNSONS CREEK, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF A BRANCH OF JOHNSONS CREEK TO 34 JOHNSONS CREEK, CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF JOHNSONS CREEK TO 35CASH CORNER ROAD, THEN IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTER OF 36 CASH CORNER ROAD TO PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD, CONTINUING ALONG THE 37 CENTER OF PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD (APPROXIMATELY 1180 FEET) THEN IN A 38 39 SOUTHERLY DIRECTION OFF OF PHOENIX CHURCH ROAD TO A BRANCH OF HORSE CREEK, THEN ALONG THE CENTER OF HORSE CREEK TO APE HOLE CREEK, THEN 40 ALONG THE CENTER OF APE HOLE CREEK TO THE POCOMOKE SOUND AND THE 41 MARYLAND/VIRGINIA STATE LINE AND CONTINUING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION 42

1 AND TO ITS POINT OF BEGINNING.

2 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on the effective date of this 3 Act, through 12:00 noon on the second business day following the effective date of this Act, 4 the candidate filing deadline will be re-opened for a candidate for the office of member of 5 the Somerset County Board of Education who will be elected at the general election to be 6 held in November 2022. Notwithstanding § 5–501 of the Election Law Article of the 7 Annotated Code of Maryland, an individual who files for the office of member of the 8 Somerset County Board of Education may not withdraw the individual's candidacy.

9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency 10 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has 11 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to 12 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is 13 enacted.