



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 352

LCO No. 2447



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO VIEW A BALLOT DURING
RECANVASS PROCEDURES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-311 of the 2024 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4 (b) The moderator shall determine the place or places where the
5 recanvass shall be conducted and, if such recanvass is held before the
6 tabulators are boxed and collected in the manner required by section 9-
7 266, the moderator may either require that such recanvass of such
8 tabulators be conducted in each place where the tabulators are located,
9 or he may require that they be removed to one central place, where such
10 recanvass shall be conducted. All recanvassing procedures shall be open
11 to public observation, subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this
12 section. Such recanvass officials shall, in the presence of such moderator
13 and registrars of voters, make a record of the number on the seal and
14 the number on the protective counter, if one is provided, on each voting

15 tabulator specified by such moderator. Such registrars of voters in the
16 presence of such moderator shall turn over the keys of each such
17 tabulator to such recanvass officials, and such recanvass officials, in the
18 presence of such registrars of voters and moderator, shall immediately
19 proceed to recanvass the vote cast thereon, and shall then open the
20 package of absentee ballots and recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the
21 course of the recanvass of the absentee ballot vote the recanvass officials
22 shall check all outer envelopes for absentee ballots against the inner
23 envelopes for such ballots and against the registry list to verify
24 postmarks, addresses and registry list markings and also to determine
25 whether the number of envelopes from which absentee ballots have
26 been removed is the same as the number of persons checked as having
27 voted by absentee ballot. The write-in ballots shall also be recanvassed
28 at this time. Any party representative present shall have a right to view
29 each ballot as it is being recanvassed by the recanvass officials [] so as
30 to be able to discern the markings on such ballot, and any moderator or
31 recanvass official who interferes with such right shall be subject to a fine
32 of five hundred dollars. All of the recanvass officials shall use the same
33 forms for tallies and returns as were used at the original canvass and the
34 absentee ballot counters shall also sign the tallies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	9-311(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To impose a fine of five hundred dollars for a moderator's or recanvass official's interference with a party representative's right to view a ballot during a recanvass.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]