



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

**Substitute Bill No. 138**



**AN ACT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-176 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 The presidential electors shall meet at the office of the Secretary of the  
4 State at twelve o'clock, noon, on the first Monday after the second  
5 Wednesday of the December following their election and, as required  
6 by the Constitution and laws of the United States, shall cast their ballots  
7 for President and Vice President. Each such elector shall cast [his] such  
8 elector's ballots for the candidates under whose names [he] such elector  
9 ran on the official election ballot, as provided in section 9-175. If any  
10 such elector is absent or if there is a vacancy in the electoral college for  
11 any cause, the electors present shall, before voting for President and  
12 Vice President, elect by ballot an elector to fill such vacancy, and the  
13 person so chosen shall be a presidential elector, shall perform the duties  
14 of such office and shall cast his or her ballots for the candidates to whom  
15 the elector he or she is replacing was pledged. In the case of any such  
16 elector who fails to cast such elector's ballots for the candidates under  
17 whose names such elector ran on the official election ballot, (1) the votes  
18 of such elector shall be nullified, (2) such elector shall forfeit such  
19 elector's position as presidential elector, causing a vacancy in the  
20 electoral college, and (3) the other electors present shall elect by ballot

