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**Subject:** FW: SBE Emergency Bill SB362

On Mon, Jan 27, 2020, 12:32 PM Kagan, Cheryl Senator (Laptop) <[Senator.C.Kagan@senate.state.md.us](mailto:Senator.C.Kagan@senate.state.md.us)> wrote:

Here's the link and the text for my emergency legislation:

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A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning Election Law – Absentee Ballots – Timing of Canvass FOR the purpose of altering the time that a local board of elections may begin opening absentee ballot envelopes to canvass the absentee ballots cast in an election; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the canvass of absentee ballots. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Election Law Section 11–302(a) 10 Annotated Code of Maryland (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Election Law Section 11–302(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (2017 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article – Election Law 11–302. (a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated counting 22 center to canvass the absentee ballots cast in that election in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board. SENATE BILL 362 1 (b) (1) A local board may not open any envelope of an absentee ballot [prior to 8] BEFORE 9 a.m. on the [Wednesday] FRIDAY following election day. (2) A local board may not delay the commencement of the canvass to await the receipt of late-arriving, timely absentee ballots. SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

I am likely to offer an amendment, as what I think is best.would be that canvass starts “not later than.”

Happy for your thoughts and your support.

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