
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Specimen Ballots - Primary Election**
3 **PG 419-98**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding certain requirements for the distribution of specimen
5 ballots in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's County Board of
6 Supervisors of Elections to mail a specimen ballot, within a certain period of
7 time before a primary election, to the household of each registered voter in the
8 County; requiring the Prince George's County Council to provide a budget
9 allocation for the cost of mailing the specimen ballots; and generally relating to
10 specimen ballots in Prince George's County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article 33 - Election Code
13 Section 2-10(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 33 - Election Code**

19 2-10.

20 (a) (1) Each board shall give public notice of the time and place of all
21 elections in each precinct. Such notice shall be given in newspapers of general
22 circulation; in the discretion of the board, notices may also be posted in such public
23 places in each precinct as the board may determine.

24 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the election
25 board of each county and Baltimore City at their discretion may mail at least one
26 week before every election a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter
27 in the county or Baltimore City.

1 (3) (i) In Prince George's County, at least 1 week before BOTH THE
2 PRIMARY ELECTION AND the general election the Board shall mail a specimen ballot
3 to the household of each registered voter in the County.

4 (ii) The costs for mailing the specimen ballot required under
5 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be included in the annual budget
6 appropriation by Prince George's County to the Board.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 1998.