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By: **Chairman, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(Departmental - Elections, State Board of)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voter Registration Application Deadline**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that an application for voter registration is timely if it
4 is postmarked on or before the registration deadline, regardless of the date of
5 receipt; and providing for the effective date of this Act.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 33 - Election Code
8 Section 3-8(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 33 - Election Code**

14 3-8.

15 (a) (1) Except as provided in § 2-9(e) of this article and paragraph (2) of this
16 subsection, no person may register:

17 (i) Between 9 p.m. on the 5th Monday preceding a primary or
18 special primary election and the 11th day after that election; or

19 (ii) Between 9 p.m. on the 5th Monday preceding a general or
20 special election and the 16th day following that election.

21 (2) (i) A voter registration application which is received by mail by any
22 local board or by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall be considered
23 as received timely for registration for the next election provided:

24 1. It is received prior to the deadline for registration
25 established in paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

1 (8) Any voter registration application received by a local board for a
2 county in which the applicant does not reside shall, if the applicant resides in the
3 State, be forwarded immediately to the local board in the county in which the
4 applicant's residence is located.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
6 effect June 1, 1998.