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**(Departmental - Elections, State Board of)**

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CHAPTER 127

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Deceased Registered Voters**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the county boards of elections to remove a registered  
4 voter from the registry upon certain notification that the voter is deceased;  
5 providing certain procedures for removal; and generally relating to removing  
6 certain voters from the registry.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article 33 - Election Code  
9 Section 3-505  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 3-505.

16 (a) (1) (i) Information from the agencies specified in this paragraph shall  
17 be reported to the State Board in a format and at times prescribed by the State Board.

18 (ii) The Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City and the health  
19 officer of each county shall report the names and residence addresses (if known) of all  
20 individuals at least 16 years of age reported deceased within the city or county since  
21 the date of the last such report.

1 (iii) The clerk of the circuit court for each county and the  
2 administrative clerk for each District Court shall report the names and addresses of  
3 all individuals convicted, in the respective court, of theft or infamous crimes since the  
4 date of the last such report.

5 (iv) The clerk of the circuit court for each county shall report the  
6 former and present names and residence addresses (if known) of all individuals whose  
7 names have been changed by decree or order of the court since the date of the last  
8 report.

9 (2) The State Board shall make arrangements with the clerk of the  
10 United States District Court for the District of Maryland to receive reports of names  
11 and addresses, if available, of individuals convicted of infamous crimes in that court.

12 (b) (1) The State Board shall transmit to the appropriate local board  
13 information gathered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

14 (2) Every agency or instrumentality of any county which acquires or  
15 condemns or razes or causes to be condemned or razed any building used as a  
16 residence within the county shall promptly report such fact and the location of the  
17 building to the local board in the county or city.

18 (3) Registration cancellation information provided by an applicant on  
19 any voter registration application shall be provided to the appropriate local board by  
20 the State Board or another local board.

21 (4) A local board may:

22 (i) Make arrangements to receive change of address information  
23 from an entity approved by the State Board; and

24 (ii) Pay a reasonable fee to the entity for the information.

25 (C) (1) WHENEVER A LOCAL BOARD BECOMES AWARE OF AN OBITUARY OR  
26 ANY OTHER RELIABLE REPORT OF THE DEATH OF A REGISTERED VOTER, THE  
27 ELECTION DIRECTOR SHALL MAIL A NOTICE TO THE REGISTERED VOTER, AS  
28 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD, TO VERIFY WHETHER THE VOTER IS IN FACT  
29 DECEASED.

30 (2) ON RECEIPT OF A VERIFICATION OF THE DEATH OF A VOTER,  
31 PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICE MAILED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
32 THIS SUBSECTION, THE ELECTION DIRECTOR MAY REMOVE THE VOTER FROM THE  
33 REGISTRY UNDER § 3-502 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
35 effect June 1, 2000.

