

HOUSE BILL 16

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By: **Delegate Hixson**

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Absentee Ballot Applications and Voter**
3 **Registration – Deadlines**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the deadlines for voter registration and absentee ballot
5 applications; and generally relating to absentee ballot applications and voter
6 registration.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 3–302(a) and 9–305(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 3–302.

16 (a) Registration is closed beginning at 9 p.m. on the [21st] **26TH** day
17 preceding an election until the 11th day after that election.

18 9–305.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) Except for a late application under subsection (c) of this section, an
2 application for an absentee ballot must be received by a local board not later than [the
3 Tuesday] **15 DAYS** preceding the election, at the time specified in the guidelines.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2007.