

# HOUSE BILL 1044

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

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Election Law – Polling Places – Accommodations**  
3 **for Disabled Voters**

4 **PG 410–14**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring, to the extent practicable, an election judge in Prince  
6 George's County to take certain actions regarding a disabled voter who is in a  
7 waiting line to vote; and generally relating to accommodations for disabled  
8 voters in Prince George's County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Election Law  
11 Section 1–101(a) and (q)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Election Law  
16 Section 10–308.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Election Law**

22 1–101.

23 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated unless a  
24 different meaning is clearly intended from the context.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (q) "Disabled" means having a temporary or permanent physical disability.

2 **10-308.1.**

3 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

4 (B) **IF A DISABLED VOTER IS IN A WAITING LINE TO VOTE, AN ELECTION**  
5 **JUDGE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, SHALL:**

6 (1) **DESIGNATE ANOTHER VOTER IN THE WAITING LINE TO SERVE**  
7 **AS A PLACEHOLDER AND ALLOW THE DISABLED VOTER TO SIT UNTIL THE**  
8 **PLACEHOLDER REACHES THE CHECK-IN JUDGE; OR**

9 (2) **MOVE THE DISABLED VOTER TO THE FRONT OF THE WAITING**  
10 **LINE.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 June 1, 2014.