

HOUSE BILL 1475

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By: **Delegate Bobo**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2014

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Signing a Petition – Required Information**

3 FOR the purpose of altering provisions of law regarding the information that the
4 signer of a petition must provide; requiring the signer of a petition to include
5 certain information relating to the signer; and generally relating to signing a
6 petition and required information to be provided by the signer.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section 6–203
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 6–203.

16 (a) To sign a petition, an individual shall **ENTER THE FOLLOWING**
17 **INFORMATION IN THE SPACES PROVIDED:**

18 (1) [sign] the [individual’s] **SIGNER’S** name, **PRINTED OR TYPED**, as
19 it appears on the statewide voter registration list or the [individual’s] **SIGNER’S**
20 surname of registration and at least one full given name and the initials of any other
21 names; [and

22 (2) include the following information, printed or typed, in the spaces
23 provided:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) the signer's name as it was signed;]

2 **(2) THE SIGNER'S BIRTH DATE;**

3 ~~[(ii)]~~ **(3)** the signer's address;

4 **(4) THE SIGNER'S ORDINARY SIGNATURE;**

5 ~~[(iii)]~~ **(5)** the date of signing; and

6 ~~[(iv)]~~ **(6)** other information required by regulations adopted by
7 the State Board.

8 (b) The signature of an individual shall be validated and counted if:

9 (1) the requirements of subsection (a) of this section have been
10 satisfied;

11 (2) the individual is a registered voter assigned to the county specified
12 on the signature page and, if applicable, in a particular geographic area of the county;

13 (3) the individual has not previously signed the same petition;

14 (4) the signature is attested by an affidavit appearing on the page on
15 which the signature appears;

16 (5) the date accompanying the signature is not later than the date of
17 the affidavit on the page; and

18 (6) if applicable, the signature was affixed within the requisite period
19 of time, as specified by law.

20 (c) (1) A signature may be removed:

21 (i) by the signer upon written application to the election
22 authority with which the petition will be filed if the application is received by the
23 election authority prior to the filing of that signature; or

24 (ii) prior to the filing of that signature, by the circulator who
25 attested to that signature or by the sponsor of the petition, if it is concluded that the
26 signature does not satisfy the requirements of this title.

27 (2) A signature removed pursuant to paragraph (1)(ii) of this
28 subsection may not be included in the number of signatures stated on the information
29 page included in the petition.

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