

Chapter 655

(House Bill 1406)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law – Signed Voting Authority Cards – Maintenance

FOR the purpose of requiring each local board of elections to maintain voting authority cards that have been signed under a certain provision of law ~~to be maintained~~ for a certain period of time and in a certain manner; and generally relating to the maintenance of signed voting authority cards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 2–106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

2–106.

(a) **(1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE State Board and each local board shall maintain and dispose of its public records in accordance with the program for records management adopted by the State Board under Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part IV of the State Government Article.**

(2) ~~VOTING~~ EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN VOTING AUTHORITY CARDS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED UNDER § 10–310(A)(6) OF THIS ARTICLE ~~SHALL BE MAINTAINED~~ FOR 48 MONTHS 3 YEARS BY:

(I) PHYSICALLY STORING THE VOTING AUTHORITY CARDS;
OR

(II) ELECTRONICALLY SCANNING AND STORING THE VOTING AUTHORITY CARDS IN THE SAME MANNER THAT THE LOCAL BOARD STORES OTHER ELECTRONIC MATERIALS.

(b) If produced and proved by a representative of the applicable board, a copy of a public record that is certified by and kept under the seal of the principal

administrative officer of that board shall be evidence in any court to the same extent as the original record.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.