Chapter 298

(House Bill 1127)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Dissemination of Voter Information Material – Multifamily Residential Structures

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FOR the purpose of applying to Prince George's County certain provisions of law regarding the dissemination of voter information material in multifamily residential structures; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the dissemination of voter information material in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

Section 1-303

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article - Election Law

1 - 303.

- (a) In this section, "voter information material" means:
- (1) campaign literature that is campaign material under Title 13, Subtitle 4 of this article; or
- (2) registration or voting information issued by the State Board or a local board.
 - (b) This section applies only:
 - (1) in Montgomery County AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; and
- (2) to apartment buildings, condominiums, or other multifamily residential structures where access to the entrance of individual residential units is restricted by the owner or governing board of the entire structure.
- (c) (1) The owner or governing board of a multifamily residential structure shall designate a public area within the structure where, for the 60–day period immediately

prior to each primary election and general election, voter information material may be distributed or deposited.

- (2) The designated public area shall be readily accessible to the residents of the structure.
- (3) Voter information material deposited in the designated public area shall remain available for residents of the structure for a period of at least 10 days.
- (d) [Upon] **ON** written notification by a person whose rights under this section were violated, the local board shall:
- (1) notify the owner or governing board regarding the apparent violation and the requirements of this section; and
 - (2) request compliance with the requirements of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.