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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 331 (Senator Conway)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Election Law - Early Voting - Registered Voter Updating the Voter's Address on  
an Existing Registration**

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This emergency bill repeals a requirement that a person applying to change an address on an existing voter registration during early voting provide proof of residency.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:**

*Change of Address During Early Voting*

Pursuant to Chapters 157 and 158 of 2013, beginning in 2016, during early voting, an individual may appear in person at an early voting center in the individual's county of residence and apply to register to vote or change the voter's address on an existing voter registration. When applying to register to vote or change an address on an existing registration during early voting, the applicant must provide proof of residency by showing the election judge (1) a Maryland driver's license or Maryland identification card that contains the applicant's current address or (2) if the applicant does not have a driver's license or identification card that contains the applicant's current address, a copy of an

official document that meets requirements established by the State Board of Elections and contains the applicant's name and current address.

*Other Ways to Change an Address*

Notification of a change of address or of a change of name on a voter registration record may be made by (1) information provided on a voter registration application; (2) written notice, signed by the voter and sent by mail or otherwise delivered to the appropriate local board; (3) applying in person at the office of the appropriate local board; (4) information on a voter authority card or other appropriate form filled out at a polling place; or (5) changing a name or address with the Motor Vehicle Administration. Proof of residency is not required to be provided in these instances.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections, Frederick and Montgomery counties, Department of Legislative Services

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