

EMERGENCY BILL

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By: Delegate Curran (Task Force to Review the State's Election Law)

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Application for Absentee Ballot**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an application for an absentee ballot
4 contain a certain affidavit and be under penalty of perjury; and making this Act an
5 emergency measure.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 33 - Election Code
8 Section 27-4
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

13 **Article 33 - Election Code**

14 27-4.

15 Except as provided in § 27-2 of this article, a qualified voter desiring to vote at any
16 election as an absentee voter shall make application in writing to the board for an
17 absentee ballot, which application must be received not later than the Tuesday preceding
18 the election. The application shall contain [an affidavit, which need not be under oath
19 but which shall set forth] such information[, under penalty of perjury,] as may be
20 required by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Upon receipt of the
21 application the board shall issue, to the voter or a duly authorized agent, an absentee
22 ballot.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
24 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has
25 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
26 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
27 enacted.