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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Voter Registration - Challenges of Voters - Municipal Corporations**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing a municipal corporation to file with a county election board
4 an objection to the registration of any person who resides within the boundaries of
5 the municipal corporation and who the municipal corporation has reason to believe
6 is not eligible to vote; and generally relating to challenging the registration of a
7 voter by a municipal corporation.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 33 - Election Code
10 Section 3-16(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 33 - Election Code**

16 3-16.

17 (b) (1) Any qualified voter OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION may file with the
18 board or with the board of registry:

19 (i) An objection to the registration of any person the voter has reason
20 to believe is not eligible to vote; [or]

21 (ii) An application for the addition of any person whose name THE
22 VOTER HAS REASON TO BELIEVE has been erroneously omitted or dropped from the
23 registration list of any precinct; OR

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1 (III) AN OBJECTION TO THE REGISTRATION OF ANY PERSON TO
2 THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION REGISTRATION LIST, WHO THE MUNICIPAL
3 CORPORATION HAS REASON TO BELIEVE HAS BEEN ERRONEOUSLY ADDED TO THE
4 REGISTRATION LIST.

5 (2) The application or challenge may be made at the office of the board at
6 any time except during the 45 days prior to any election.

7 (3) An application or challenge shall be made on a form approved by the
8 State Administrative Board of Election Laws and provided by the board for that purpose.
9 THE FORM SHALL REQUIRE:

10 (I) The voter [shall] TO state thereon under oath and of the voter's
11 own personal knowledge, the legal basis for the application or challenge; AND

12 (II) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO STATE THEREON THE LEGAL
13 BASIS FOR THE APPLICATION OR CHALLENGE.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 1996.