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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Residence Designation of Candidates on Ballots - Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that the names of certain candidates for  
4 public or party office be identified on the ballot by the county or city in which the  
5 candidate resides.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 33 - Election Code  
8 Section 16-5(d)  
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 16-5.

15 (d) (1) The party designation of each candidate, properly separated from his  
16 name, shall be included on all ballots at any election; provided, however, that the party  
17 name shall consist of one word only.

18 (2) [(i) The name of each candidate for public or party office for which the  
19 voters of the entire State or more than one county or legislative district may vote, shall be  
20 identified by the county or city in which said candidate resides.

21 (ii) (I) Except as provided in subparagraph [(iii)] (II) of this  
22 paragraph, if there is a provision for the election of delegates who are by law required to  
23 live in a specific county and only a certain number of delegates may be elected from that

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1 county, an elector may not cast a vote for more than that number of candidates from that  
2 specific county.

3 [(iii)] (II) In a legislative district where the delegates are to be elected  
4 by the voters of a multimember subdistrict that contains more than two counties or parts  
5 of more than two counties, an elector may cast a vote for the specified number of  
6 delegates to be elected in the subdistrict without regard to the county of residence of the  
7 candidates.

8 (3) The ballots shall be arranged so that exact uniformity, to the extent  
9 practicable, will prevail as to size and face of printing of all candidates' names and party  
10 designation.

11 (4) The names of all candidates for judge of the circuit courts for the several  
12 counties, and for a county board of education and the names of incumbent judges of the  
13 Court of Special Appeals or the Court of Appeals at an election for continuance in office  
14 shall be placed on the ballots without any party label or other distinguishing mark or  
15 location which might directly or indirectly indicate the party affiliation of the candidate or  
16 judge.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 July 1, 1996.