
By: Senator Trotter

Requested: November 13, 1996

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 1997

Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Boards of Elections - Polling Places - Reading Glasses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring local boards of elections to provide certain reading glasses
4 to polling places for use by certain voters in need of certain visual assistance; and
5 requiring the judges at each polling place to make available certain reading glasses
6 to a voter upon request.

7 BY adding to
8 Article 33 - Election Code
9 Section 2-11(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 33 - Election Code**

15 2-11.

16 (C) (1) EACH BOARD SHALL PROVIDE TO THE POLLING PLACE IN EACH
17 PRECINCT GENERIC READING GLASSES FOR USE AT THE POLLING PLACE BY A
18 VOTER WHO REQUIRES VISUAL ASSISTANCE IN READING THE BALLOT.

19 (2) ON REQUEST BY A VOTER, THE JUDGES AT A POLLING PLACE SHALL
20 MAKE AVAILABLE THE GENERIC READING GLASSES REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1)
21 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1997.