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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Voters - Accompaniment in Voting Booth or Machine**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum age at which a child may be allowed to  
4 accompany an adult into a voting booth or machine without the necessity of  
5 obtaining an affidavit indicating that the voter needs the child's assistance to vote.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article 33 - Election Code  
8 Section 16-12(d)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 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 16-12.

15 (d) A voter may not be accompanied into a voting booth or voting machine by any  
16 person over the age of [five] 14 years unless the affidavit required by subsection (c) has  
17 been accepted by the election judges.

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

