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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Specimen Ballots - Primary Election**  
3 **PG 419-98**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding certain requirements for the distribution of specimen  
5 ballots in Prince George's County; requiring the Prince George's County Board of  
6 Supervisors of Elections to mail a specimen ballot, within a certain period of  
7 time before a primary election, to the household of each registered voter in the  
8 County; requiring the Prince George's County Council to provide a budget  
9 allocation for the cost of mailing the specimen ballots; providing for certain  
10 effective dates; and generally relating to specimen ballots in Prince George's  
11 County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article 33 - Election Code  
14 Section 2-10(a)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article 33 - Election Code  
19 Section 8-102(d)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)  
22 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (S.B.118/H.B.127) of the Acts of the General  
23 Assembly of 1998)

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

3 **Article 33 - Election Code**

4 2-10.

5 (a) (1) Each board shall give public notice of the time and place of all  
6 elections in each precinct. Such notice shall be given in newspapers of general  
7 circulation; in the discretion of the board, notices may also be posted in such public  
8 places in each precinct as the board may determine.

9 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, the election  
10 board of each county and Baltimore City at their discretion may mail at least one  
11 week before every election a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter  
12 in the county or Baltimore City.

13 (3) (i) In Prince George's County, at least 1 week before BOTH THE  
14 PRIMARY ELECTION AND the general election the Board shall mail a specimen ballot  
15 to the household of each registered voter in the County.

16 (ii) The costs for mailing the specimen ballot required under  
17 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be included in the annual budget  
18 appropriation by Prince George's County to the Board.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
20 read as follows:

21 Article 33 - Election Code

22 8-102.

23 (d) (1) In Prince George's County for BOTH THE PRIMARY ELECTION AND  
24 the general election, the board shall:

25 (i) Provide notice by mailing specimen ballots; and

26 (ii) Mail a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter  
27 in the county.

28 (2) The costs for mailing specimen ballots in Prince George's County  
29 shall be included in the county's annual budget appropriation to the local board.

30 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect~~  
31 ~~July 1, 1998.~~

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall  
33 take effect July 1, 1998.

1     SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall  
2 take effect January 1, 1999.