
By: **Southern Maryland Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 1998

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Accommodation of Blind and Visually Impaired Voters**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to
4 adopt regulations under which each county election board shall provide at each
5 precinct at least one voting station that permits blind or visually impaired
6 voters to cast their votes without assistance; and generally relating to the
7 regulation of voting systems by the State Administrative Board of Election
8 Laws.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 33 - Election Code
11 Section 16B-4
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 33 - Election Code**

17 16B-4.

18 (A) The State Board, in exercising its authority under this subtitle, shall adopt
19 rules and regulations governing the procedures for its review, approval, certification,
20 and decertification of voting systems.

21 (B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A
22 REQUIREMENT THAT EACH BOARD PROVIDE, AT EACH PRECINCT, AT LEAST ONE
23 VOTING STATION UTILIZING A VOTING SYSTEM WITH WHICH A BLIND OR VISUALLY
24 IMPAIRED VOTER CAN CAST VOTES WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM ANOTHER
25 INDIVIDUAL.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 1998.