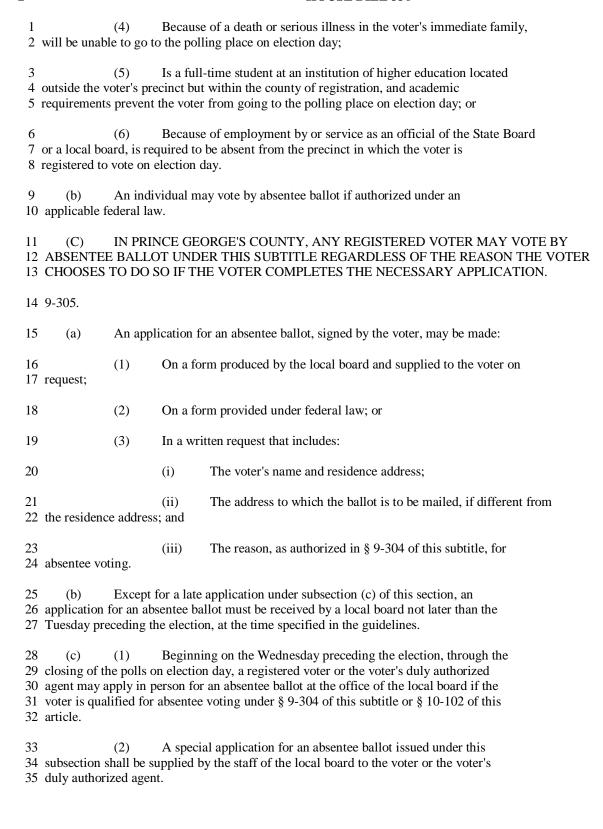
HOUSE BILL 336

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	A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning
2 3 4	Prince George's County - Elections - Absentee Ballots - Removal of Eligibility Requirements PG 401-99
5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of removing, in Prince George's County, certain eligibility requirements for voting by absentee ballot; removing the requirement that, in Prince George's County, an applicant specify the reason for voting by absentee ballot; and generally relating to broadening the eligibility for voting by absentee ballot in Prince George's County.
10 11 12 13 14	Section 9-304 and 9-305 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 16	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
17	Article 33 - Election Code
18	9-304.
19 20	(a) [A] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot at an election if the voter:
21 22	(1) Will be absent on election day from the county in which the voter is registered;
23 24	(2) Because of accident, illness, or physical disability, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day;
25 26	(3) Because of confinement in or restriction to an institution, will be prevented from going to the polling place on election day;



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- 1 (3) The application shall be made under penalty of perjury, but without a 2 formal oath, specifying the reason for absentee voting, EXCEPT THAT IN PRINCE 3 GEORGE'S COUNTY THE VOTER NEED NOT GIVE A REASON FOR REQUESTING THE

- 4 ABSENTEE BALLOT.
- 5 (4) After review of the application, if the staff of the local board finds
- 6 that the voter qualifies for absentee voting, the staff shall issue an absentee ballot to
- 7 the voter or the voter's duly authorized agent.
- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 9 effect October 1, 1999.