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By: **Delegate Owings**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Laws - Voter Registration Lists - Penalties for Prohibited Uses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain penalty for any individual who willfully and
4 knowingly allows a voter registration list under his or her control to be used for
5 commercial solicitation or any other purpose not related to the electoral process;
6 and generally relating to the misuse of voter registration lists.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 33 - Election Code
9 Section 3-507
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2000 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 3-507.

16 (a) A copy of a voter registration list shall be provided to a Maryland
17 registered voter upon receipt of:

18 (1) A written application; and

19 (2) A statement, signed under oath, that the list is not intended to be
20 used for purposes of:

21 (i) Commercial solicitation; or

22 (ii) Any other purpose not related to the electoral process.

23 (b) The State Board shall adopt regulations, in consultation with the local
24 boards, specifying:

- 1 (1) When registration lists shall be provided;
- 2 (2) Any authorization to be required for providing registration lists;
- 3 (3) The fee for providing registration lists;
- 4 (4) The information to be included;
- 5 (5) The format of the information; and
- 6 (6) The medium or media on which the information shall be supplied.

7 (c) Any individual who knowingly allows a registration list under his or her
8 control to be used for commercial solicitation or any other purpose not related to the
9 electoral process is guilty of a misdemeanor and [shall be punished under the
10 provisions of Title 16 of this article] ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT
11 EXCEEDING \$5,000.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2001.