HOUSE BILL 18 Unofficial Copy 2004 Regular Session 4lr0290 HB 36/03 - W&M (PRE-FILED) By: Delegate Cryor Requested: July 7, 2003 Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2004 Assigned to: Ways and Means A BILL ENTITLED 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Election Law - Polling Places - Access by Minors 3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum age at which an individual may 4 accompany an adult in a voting room and voting booth at a polling place under 5 certain circumstances; and making stylistic changes. 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Election Law 7 8 Section 10-308 and 10-310(c) 9 Annotated Code of Maryland (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement) 10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 11 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 13 **Article - Election Law** 14 10-308. An election judge shall allow the following individuals to have access to the 16 voting room at a polling place: 17 (1) 18 (2) an individual who accompanies a voter in need of assistance in 19 accordance with § 10-310(c) of this subtitle;

a member or other representative of the State Board or local board;

an accredited watcher or challenger under § 10-311 of this subtitle;

[a child] AN INDIVIDUAL under the age of [11] 15 who accompanies

polling place staff;

24 a voter in accordance with § 10-310(c) of this subtitle, PROVIDED THAT THE

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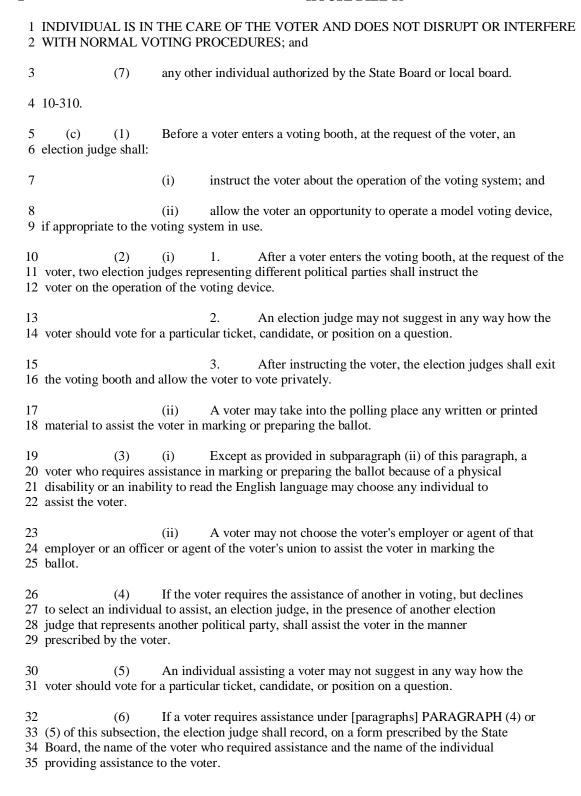
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- 1 (7) Except as provided in [paragraphs] PARAGRAPH (3) or (4) of this 2 subsection, [a person] AN INDIVIDUAL over the age of [10] 14 years may not 3 accompany a voter into a voting booth.

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 4
- 5 October 1, 2004.