
By: **Senator Garagiola**
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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Polling Places - Safety Improvement**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain persons from carrying or possessing an
4 assault weapon or other firearm at a polling place; providing certain penalties;
5 excepting certain persons from the application of this Act; and generally relating
6 to a prohibition on assault weapons or other firearms at polling places.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Election Law
9 Section 10-103
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Election Law**

15 10-103.

16 (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

17 (1) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF THE
18 OFFICER'S DUTY; OR

19 (2) A PERSON HIRED BY THE STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL BOARD
20 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUARDING A POLLING PLACE.

21 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT CARRY OR POSSESS AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR OTHER
22 FIREARM, AS DEFINED IN § 5-101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, IN A POLLING
23 PLACE.

24 (C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
25 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR
26 IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

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