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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Identification of Voters**

3 FOR the purpose of altering requirements relating to the identification of voters at
4 the polling place; and generally relating to polling place procedures.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Election Law

7 Section 10-310(a)

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Election Law**

13 10-310.

14 (a) For each individual who seeks to vote, an election judge, in accordance
15 with instructions provided by the local board, shall:

16 (1) locate the individual's name in the precinct register and locate the
17 preprinted voting authority card and then authorize the individual to vote a regular
18 ballot;

19 (2) (i) if the individual's name is not found on the precinct register,
20 search the inactive list and if the name is found, authorize the individual to vote a
21 regular ballot; or

22 (ii) if the individual's name is not on the inactive list, refer the
23 individual for provisional ballot voting under § 9-404 of this article;

24 (3) establish the identity of the voter by [requesting the voter to state
25 the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response to the information
26 listed in the precinct register;] REQUIRING THE VOTER TO:

1 (I) PRESENT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE:

2 1. A DRIVER'S LICENSE, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED
3 BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, OR A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD; OR

4 2. IF THE VOTER CANNOT PROVIDE A FORM OF
5 IDENTIFICATION SPECIFIED IN ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, ANY OTHER FORM
6 OF IDENTIFICATION THAT IS ISSUED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND THAT
7 CONTAINS THE VOTER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH; OR

8 (II) IF THE VOTER DOES NOT HAVE ANY FORM OF IDENTIFICATION
9 DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, STATE TO THE ELECTION JUDGE, THE
10 VOTER'S CURRENT ADDRESS AND DATE AND MONTH OF BIRTH;

11 (4) verify the address of the voter's residence AND THE VOTER'S DATE OF
12 BIRTH;

13 (5) if any changes to the voting authority card are indicated by a voter,
14 make the appropriate changes in information on the card or other appropriate form;
15 and

16 (6) have the voter sign the voting authority card and either issue the
17 voter a ballot or send the voter to a machine to vote.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2006.