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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Identification of Voters**

3 FOR the purpose of altering requirements of the Election Law for the identification of
4 voters by election judges at the polling place; and generally relating to polling
5 place procedures.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Election Law
8 Section 10-310(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Election Law**

14 10-310.

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

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

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

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

1 (3) establish the identity of the voter by [requesting the voter to state
2 the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response to the information
3 listed in the precinct register];

4 (I) REQUIRING THE VOTER TO PRESENT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE:

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

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

11 (II) IF THE VOTER DOES NOT HAVE ANY FORM OF IDENTIFICATION
12 DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM, REQUIRING THE VOTER TO STATE THE MONTH
13 AND DAY OF THE VOTER'S BIRTH;

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

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

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

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