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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Voter Identification**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for identification of voters at the polls;
4 specifying that an individual seeking to vote shall present certain identification;
5 requiring an election judge to verify that the information on the card matches
6 the information in the voter registry; and generally relating to establishment of
7 an individual's identity in order to qualify the individual to vote.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Election Law
10 Section 10-310(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Election Law**

16 10-310.

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

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

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

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

1 (3) establish the identity of the voter by [requesting] REQUIRING the
2 voter to [state the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response to]
3 PRESENT A CURRENT AND VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION ISSUED BY A
4 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, AND VERIFYING THAT THE INFORMATION PRESENTED
5 MATCHES the information listed in the precinct register;

6 (4) verify the address of the voter's residence;

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

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

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