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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By
Request - Departmental - Elections, State Board of)**

Introduced and read first time: January 16, 2006

Rules suspended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law - Petition Verification**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the purpose of verification of signatures on certain
4 petitions is to ensure that the name of the individual who signed the petition is
5 listed as a registered voter; making this Act an emergency measure; and
6 generally relating to the verification of petitions.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Election Law
9 Section 6-207(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2005 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 6-207.

16 (a) (1) Upon the filing of a petition, and unless it has been declared deficient
17 under § 6-206 of this subtitle, the staff of the election authority shall proceed to verify
18 the signatures and count the validated signatures contained in the petition.

19 (2) THE PURPOSE OF SIGNATURE VERIFICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)
20 OF THIS SUBSECTION IS TO ENSURE THAT THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO
21 SIGNED THE PETITION IS LISTED AS A REGISTERED VOTER.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
23 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
24 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
25 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
26 effect from the date it is enacted.

