

HOUSE BILL 16

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By: ~~Delegate Hixson~~ **Delegates Hixson, Cardin, Howard, Ivey, N. King, Manno, Rice, Stukes, and F. Turner**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Absentee Ballot Applications ~~and Voter~~**
3 **~~Registration – Deadlines~~ – Deadline**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the ~~deadlines for voter registration and~~ deadline for
5 absentee ballot applications; and generally relating to absentee ballot
6 applications ~~and voter registration~~.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Election Law
9 Section ~~3–302(a)~~ and 9–305(b)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2003 Volume and 2006 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 ~~3–302.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) ~~Registration is closed beginning at 9 p.m. on the [21st] 26TH day~~
2 ~~preceding an election until the 11th day after that election.~~

3 9-305.

4 (b) Except for a late application under subsection (c) of this section, an
5 application for an absentee ballot must be received by a local board not later than [the
6 Tuesday] ~~15~~ **10 DAYS** preceding the election, at the time specified in the guidelines.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2007.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.