

HOUSE BILL 706

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By: **Delegates Myers, Bates, Beitzel, Kelly, McKee, Shank, and Stull**
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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Identification of Voters**

3 FOR the purpose of altering requirements for the identification of voters by election
4 judges at 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 2006 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;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

9 **(I) REQUIRING THE VOTER TO PRESENT TO THE ELECTION**
10 **JUDGE:**

11 **1. A VOTER NOTIFICATION CARD, A DRIVER'S**
12 **LICENSE, OR AN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE**
13 **ADMINISTRATION; OR**

14 **2. IF THE VOTER CANNOT PROVIDE A FORM OF**
15 **IDENTIFICATION SPECIFIED IN ITEM 1 OF THIS ITEM, ANY OTHER FORM OF**
16 **IDENTIFICATION THAT IS ISSUED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY AND THAT**
17 **CONTAINS THE VOTER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF BIRTH; OR**

18 **(II) IF THE VOTER DOES NOT HAVE ANY OF THE FORMS OF**
19 **IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBED IN ITEM (I) OF THIS ITEM, REQUIRING THE VOTER**
20 **TO STATE THE MONTH AND DAY OF THE VOTER'S BIRTH;**

21 (4) (i) except if a voter's personal information has been deemed
22 confidential by the local board, verify the address of the voter's residence **AND THE**
23 **VOTER'S DATE OF BIRTH;** or

24 (ii) conduct an alternative verification as established by the
25 State Board, if the voter's personal information has been deemed confidential by the
26 local board;

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

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

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