

# HOUSE BILL 1288

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By: **Delegates Jennings, McDonough, and Smigiel**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Voting Procedures – Identification**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual seeking to vote at a polling place to  
4 present to the election judge a current and valid photo identification; and  
5 generally relating to polling 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 2007 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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (3) establish the identity of the voter by [requesting] **REQUIRING** the  
4 voter to [state the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response]  
5 **PRESENT TO THE ELECTION JUDGE A CURRENT AND VALID PHOTO**  
6 **IDENTIFICATION AND COMPARING THE INFORMATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION**  
7 to the information listed in the precinct register;

8 (4) (i) except if a voter's personal information has been deemed  
9 confidential by the local board, verify the address of the voter's residence; or

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2008.