

SB0423/705366/1

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 423
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 3 down through “rejection” in line 7 and substitute “proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the General Assembly to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on election day; making a stylistic change; authorizing an individual to appear in person at a precinct polling place in the individual’s county of residence to apply to register to vote on election day; requiring an applicant for voter registration to provide certain proof of residency; requiring an election judge to determine whether an applicant resides in the county and is qualified to become a registered voter; requiring the election judge to issue the voter a ballot if the individual is a resident of the county and qualified to register to vote; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations and procedures for the administration of voter registration at precinct polling places on election day; submitting the amendment proposed by this Act to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; providing for the language to appear on the ballot; providing for the effective dates of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act under certain circumstances; and generally relating to registration and voting at polling places”; and after line 13, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 3-306

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 21 through 39, inclusive, and substitute:

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“THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ALLOW A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL TO REGISTER AND VOTE AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

3-306.

(A) ON ELECTION DAY, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE AND APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE.

(B) (1) WHEN APPLYING TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

(2) THE APPLICANT SHALL PROVE RESIDENCY BY SHOWING THE ELECTION JUDGE:

(I) A MARYLAND DRIVER’S LICENSE OR MARYLAND IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT CONTAINS THE APPLICANT’S CURRENT ADDRESS; OR

(II) IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE A DRIVER’S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD THAT CONTAINS THE APPLICANT’S CURRENT ADDRESS, A COPY OF AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT:

1. MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD; AND
2. CONTAINS THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS.

(C) WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL APPLIES TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY, THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT RESIDES IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE APPLICANT APPLIED AND IS QUALIFIED TO BECOME A REGISTERED VOTER.

(D) IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY AND IS QUALIFIED TO REGISTER TO VOTE, THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL:

- (1) ISSUE THE VOTER A VOTER AUTHORITY CARD;
- (2) HAVE THE VOTER SIGN THE VOTER AUTHORITY CARD; AND
- (3) ISSUE THE VOTER A BALLOT.

(E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AT PRECINCT POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The General Assembly determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by Section 1 of this Act affects multiple jurisdictions and that the

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provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not apply.

(b) In accordance with Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, the amendment proposed by Section 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election to be held in November 2018. Notwithstanding any other law, the following shall appear on the ballot:

“Constitutional Amendment
Chapter of the 2017 Legislative Session
Registration on Election Day

Authorizes the General Assembly to allow a qualified individual to register and cast a ballot at a precinct polling place on Election Day.

(Amending Article 1, Section 1 and 2 and adding Article 1, Section 2A to the Maryland Constitution)

For the Constitutional Amendment
Against the Constitutional Amendment”

(c) Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Section 1 of this Act. If Section 1 of this Act does not take effect, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 3 and 4 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.”.