

# HOUSE BILL 1626

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Early Voting – Registered Voter Updating the Voter’s Address on**  
3 **an Existing Registration**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of the election law concerning a registered  
5 voter updating the voter’s address during early voting to conform to other provisions  
6 of the election law applicable to a registered voter updating the voter’s address and  
7 voting; repealing the requirement that a registered voter updating the voter’s  
8 address on an existing registration during early voting must provide proof of  
9 residency; and generally relating to a registered voter updating the voter’s address  
10 on an existing registration during early voting.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Election Law  
13 Section 3–305  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Election Law**

19 3–305.

20 (a) During early voting, an individual may appear in person at an early voting  
21 center in the individual’s county of residence and apply to register to vote or change the  
22 voter’s address on an existing voter registration.

23 (b) (1) When applying to register to vote [or change an address on an existing  
24 registration] during early voting, the applicant shall provide proof of residency.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) The applicant shall prove residency by showing the election judge:

2 (i) a Maryland driver's license or Maryland identification card that  
3 contains the applicant's current address; or

4 (ii) if the applicant does not have a driver's license or identification  
5 card that contains the applicant's current address, a copy of an official document that:

6 1. meets the requirements established by the State Board;  
7 and

8 2. contains the applicant's name and current address.

9 (c) (1) When an individual applies to register to vote at an early voting center,  
10 the election judge shall determine whether the applicant resides in the county in which the  
11 applicant applied and is qualified to become a registered voter.

12 (2) If the voter is a resident of the county and is qualified to register to vote,  
13 the election judge shall:

14 (i) issue the voter a voter authority card;

15 (ii) have the voter sign the voter authority card; and

16 (iii) issue the voter a ballot.

17 (d) (1) When a voter applies to change the voter's address during early voting,  
18 the election judge shall determine whether the voter resides in the county in which the  
19 voter seeks to vote.

20 (2) If the voter is a resident of the county, the election judge shall:

21 (i) issue the voter a voter authority card;

22 (ii) have the voter sign the voter authority card; and

23 (iii) issue the voter the appropriate ballot for the voter's new address.

24 (e) The State Board shall adopt regulations and procedures in accordance with  
25 the requirements of this section for the administration of voter registration during early  
26 voting.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2017.