

# HOUSE BILL 939

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Absentee Ballots – Mailing of Unrequested Ballots**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Elections, local boards of elections, and  
4 municipalities from mailing an absentee ballot to any voter who has not requested  
5 an absentee ballot; and generally relating to mailing absentee ballots.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Election Law

8 Section 9–306(f)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Local Government

13 Section 4–108(d)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2013 Volume and 2021 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 9–306.

20 **(F) THE STATE BOARD AND EACH LOCAL BOARD MAY NOT MAIL AN**  
21 **ABSENTEE BALLOT TO ANY VOTER WHO HAS NOT REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Local Government**

2 4–108.

3 **(D) A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT MAIL AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO ANY VOTER**  
4 **WHO HAS NOT REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
6 1, 2022.