## **HOUSE BILL 199**

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By: Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)

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## A BILL ENTITLED

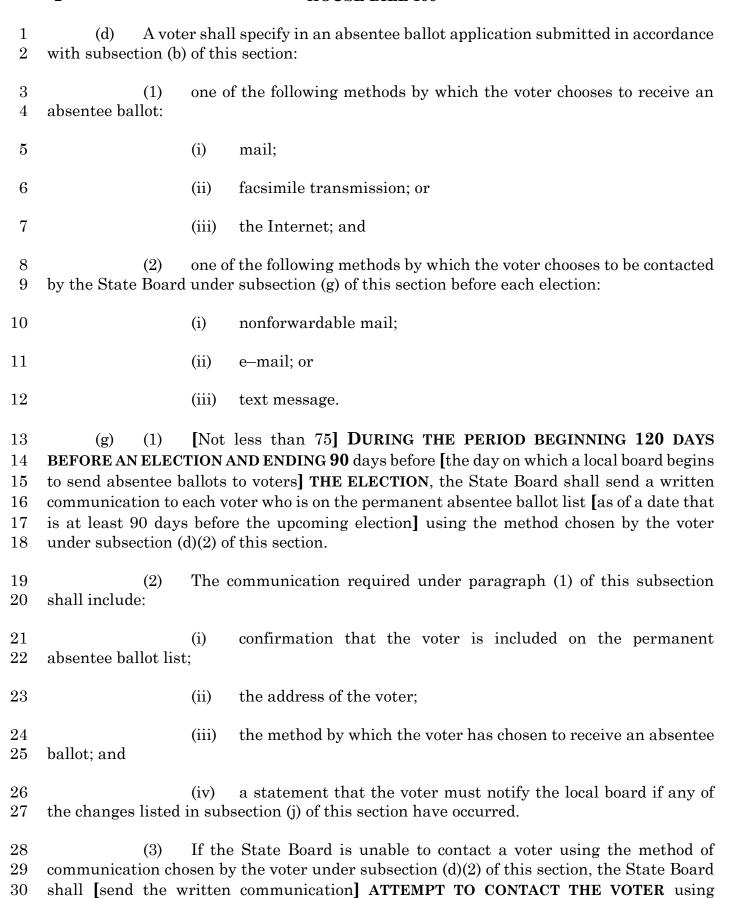
1 AN ACT concerning

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## Election Law - Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters

- FOR the purpose of altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter; and generally relating to permanent absentee voters.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article Election Law
- 12 Section 9–311.1(d)
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 16 Article Election Law
- 17 Section 9–311.1(g)
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Election Law
- 23 9–311.1.

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another method [if the State Board has other contact information for the voter].

- 1 (4) If the communication required under paragraph (1) of this subsection 2 is sent by mail, the envelope shall include a statement, prominently placed, requesting that 3 the recipient return the communication to the State Board if the intended recipient no 4 longer lives at that address.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect July 6  $\,$  1, 2025.