

# SENATE BILL 93

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SB 824/24 – EEE

(PRE-FILED)

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CF HB 201

By: **Senator Kramer**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Absentee ~~Ballot Application – Sending to Eligible Voters Before~~**  
3 **~~Primary Elections~~ Ballots – Notice to Request Application**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~each~~ the local board of elections to send ~~the~~ a certain notice  
5 regarding a request for an absentee ballot application approved by the State Board  
6 of Elections ~~to each eligible voter at least a certain number of days before each~~  
7 ~~statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status,~~  
8 with certain mailings to voters and eligible voters for a certain purpose, except under  
9 certain circumstances; and generally relating to absentee ballot applications.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Election Law

12 Section 9–305(e)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 9–305.

19 **(E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 ~~AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE EACH STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION, EACH LOCAL~~ THE  
 2 LOCAL BOARD SHALL SEND THE A WRITTEN NOTICE REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A  
 3 STATE-APPROVED ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION WITH A SPECIMEN BALLOT  
 4 MAILED UNDER § 8-102 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER MAILING TO EACH  
 5 ~~ELIGIBLE VOTER~~ VOTERS OR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO FURTHER AWARENESS OF THE  
 6 OPTION OF MAIL-IN VOTING.

7 (2) A LOCAL BOARD IS NOT REQUIRED TO SEND THE  
 8 ~~STATE APPROVED ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION TO~~ NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER  
 9 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

10 (I) TO A VOTER:

11 1. WHO HAS PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS  
 12 UNDER § 9-311.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

13 2. MORE THAN ONCE PER ELECTION; OR

14 (II) FOR A VOTE-BY-MAIL ELECTION.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 16 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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 Governor.

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 President of the Senate.

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 Speaker of the House of Delegates.