

Chapter 310

(Senate Bill 93)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 9–305(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Election Law

9–305.

(E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE EACH STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION, EACH LOCAL THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL SEND THE A WRITTEN NOTICE REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A STATE-APPROVED ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION WITH A SPECIMEN BALLOT MAILED UNDER § 8–102 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER MAILING TO EACH ELIGIBLE VOTER VOTERS OR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO FURTHER AWARENESS OF THE OPTION OF MAIL-IN VOTING.

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

(I) TO A VOTER:

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

2. MORE THAN ONCE PER ELECTION; OR

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.