

CHAPTER 730

(House Bill 881)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Election Laws - Specimen Ballot

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FOR the purpose of altering provisions of the election law to require, rather than authorize, the Prince George's County Board of Supervisors of Elections to mail a specimen ballot, within a certain period of time before each election, to the household of each registered voter eligible to vote in the general election in Prince George's County; and requiring Prince George's County to include the costs of mailing the specimen ballot in the budget allocation to the local election board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 2-10

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

2-10.

(a) (1) Each board shall give public notice of the time and place of all elections in each precinct. Such notice shall be given in newspapers of general circulation; in the discretion of the board, notices may also be posted in such public places in each precinct as the board may determine.

(2) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE election board of each county and Baltimore City at their discretion may mail at least one week before every election a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter in the county or Baltimore City.

(3) (I) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AT LEAST 1 WEEK BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION THE BOARD SHALL MAIL A SPECIMEN BALLOT TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COUNTY.

(II) THE COSTS FOR MAILING THE SPECIMEN BALLOT REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO THE BOARD.

(b) The board of each county, except those in which a specimen ballot is mailed pursuant to the preceding paragraph and such ballot includes the time and place of the election, shall give notice during the calendar week preceding any election of the time and