

AN ACT concerning

**Protestant Episcopal Church – Diocese of Easton**

FOR the purpose of repealing residency requirements for the right of suffrage for the election of, and election as, vestrymen in the Diocese of Easton for the Protestant Episcopal Church under the “Vestry Act”; and altering certain requirements for the right of suffrage for election of vestrymen in the Diocese of Easton for the Protestant Episcopal Church under the “Vestry Act”.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 97 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1976  
Section 299(a) and 301(a)(2)

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Chapter 97 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1976  
Section 299(c)(1), (2), and (3)

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

**Chapter 97 of the Acts of 1976**

299. Qualifications of voters.

(a) Persons entitled to vote for vestrymen.

Every [resident of this State] INDIVIDUAL, over 18 years of age, who shall have been an enrolled member of the parish where he offers to vote for six months next preceding the day of election, [and] who shall have shared in the work of the parish by contributions, donations or personal services rendered at the request or with the consent of the vestry, [or] AND who shall have complied with such other [financial] requirements as the bylaws of the parish AND THE GENERAL AND DIOCESAN CANONS may provide, shall have the right of suffrage for the election of vestrymen for such parish.

(c) Enrollment.

(1) Of Bona Fide Resident Members. Every communicant and baptized member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, other than a transferee, having a bona fide residence in any parish, may be enrolled, with his consent but not otherwise, as a member of the parish in which he resides by the registrar of such parish, without formal application.

(2) Of Transferred Members. Every communicant and baptized member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, removing from one parish to another, who desires to