

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article 33 – Election Code  
 Section 27-1(b), 27-2, and 27-4  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

**Article 33 – Election Code**

27-1.

(b) A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot under this subtitle if the voter:

(1) May be absent for any reason from the county or Baltimore City where the voter is registered to vote on election day;

(2) Is a full-time student at a college or university located outside the precinct but within the county in which the student is registered to vote and whose academic requirements preclude the student from being present at the polls on any election day; [or

(3) Is a qualified person as defined in § 27-2 of this article.]

(3) HAS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR IS CONFINED IN OR RESTRICTED TO AN INSTITUTION WHICH PRECLUDES THE VOTER FROM BEING PRESENT AND PERSONALLY VOTING AT THE POLLS ON ANY ELECTION DAY; ~~OR~~

(4) IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY BECAUSE OF A DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THE VOTER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY; OR

(5) IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY AS A RESULT OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT.

27-2.

[(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability or confinement in or restriction to an institution prevents or will prevent him from being present and personally voting at the polls on any election day shall also be entitled to vote as an absentee voter under this subtitle. Such voter shall make application for an absentee ballot as provided in § 27-4 of this article. The application shall be filed in the office of the board of supervisors of elections not later than the Tuesday preceding any election. Upon receipt of the application the board shall mail to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot. In all other respects, absentee voting as provided for in this section shall be similar to and controlled by the applicable procedure provided by law for absentee voting.]

[(a-1)] (A) (1) After the Tuesday preceding an election and on the day of the