

CHAPTER 31

(Senate Bill 74)

AN ACT permitting the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Election Supervisors of Harford County to waive the use of voting machines in elections prior to June 1, 1951.

WHEREAS, by Chapter 734 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1949, Section 85 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement) was repealed and re-enacted, so as to make mandatory the use of voting machines in Harford County in all elections held after June 1st, 1949; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Harford County, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Harford County did enter into a contract on October 4th, 1949, for the purchase of voting machines for use in said County; and

WHEREAS, litigation has arisen as a result of such contract which litigation creates an emergency situation in that the litigation may not be terminated in time to procure voting machines for the 1950 elections, and in the interim the several Boards are under a contract to purchase voting machines; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any contract for the purchase of voting machines for Harford County, entered into prior to the date of the enactment thereof, is declared to be illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction; or if pending litigation with respect to any such contract makes it impossible, in the judgment of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Harford County to acquire voting machines which conform in all particulars with the specifications of Article 33, Section 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), in time for use at any election prior to June 1st, 1951, then by resolution passed by both of such Boards, prior to such election, the use of voting machines, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 734 of the Acts of 1949 may be waived and suspended as to any election held in Harford County, prior to June 1st, 1951.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike-out indicates matter stricken out of bill.