

CHAPTER 106

(House Bill 1042)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2-11(b)(2) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Election Boards and Employees," to provide that polling places in Charles County include, at the discretion of the election board, private firehouses, private halls, and other buildings, except church halls.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 2-11(b)(2) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "Election Boards and Employees," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

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(b) Wherever possible and practicable, it shall be the duty of each board to use public buildings, such as school houses and fire-engine houses, for polling places. It is the duty of all public officials having charge of such buildings to place them at the disposal of the boards without charge. Such space as needed therein for the proper conduct of elections shall be provided upon application for their use by the boards and light, heat and custodial and janitorial services for the buildings shall be provided without charge. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to mean that volunteer fire companies or rescue squads shall not be paid for the use of their facilities.

(1) In Montgomery County it shall be mandatory that the county Board of Education make available such space and custodial service as needed for the proper conduct of registrations and elections upon application by the board for the county.

(2) In Charles County the board in its discretion, shall be permitted to use private firehouses, [and] private halls[,] and other buildings excluding church halls, for registration and polling places.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved April 15, 1970

CHAPTER 107

(Senate Bill 377)

AN ACT to add new Section 1A-1 (g) to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "State Administrative Board of Election Laws," to follow immediately after Section 1A-1 (f) thereof, requiring the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to establish and maintain a repository for all Federal decennial census information concerning the State, and providing for the use and acceptance of this information.