

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 3-8(a) and 3-9(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

3-8.

(a) (1) No person may register [or, if registered, change his address or name] after the fifth Monday preceding or during the ten days following a primary or special primary election; nor may he register [, or, if registered, change his address or name] after the fifth Monday preceding or during the fifteen days following a general or special election.

(2) ANY REGISTERED VOTER WHO MOVES FROM THE ADDRESS SPECIFIED IN THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION OR WHOSE NAME IS CHANGED BY MARRIAGE [[OR]], COURT DECREE OR ANY OTHER LAWFUL MEANS, SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS THEREAFTER, NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THE VOTER'S FORMER AND NEW ADDRESSES OR FORMER AND NEW NAMES, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

3-9.

(a) (1) Subject to the provisions of § 3-8 of this article, notification of a move within or without another ward, district or precinct within the city or county, as the case may be, or of a change of name, or a request for designation or change of party affiliation, may be made either by written notice sent by mail, or by making application in person at the office of the board or other place of registration, or by written notice to the board signed by the voter requesting that the proper form for providing such written notification be mailed to the voter.

(2) IF NOTIFICATION OF A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME IS RECEIVED AFTER THE FIFTH MONDAY PRECEDING A PRIMARY OR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, THE BOARD MAY NOT PROCESS THE CHANGE ON THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION RECORDS UNTIL AFTER THE TENTH DAY FOLLOWING THAT ELECTION; AND IF SUCH NOTIFICATION IS RECEIVED AFTER THE FIFTH MONDAY PRECEDING A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION, THE BOARD MAY NOT PROCESS THE CHANGE UNTIL AFTER THE FIFTEENTH DAY FOLLOWING THAT ELECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.