

CHAPTER 802

(House Bill 1458)

AN ACT concerning

Voter Registration - Newspaper Application Forms

FOR the purpose of [[establishing a Statewide voter registration-by-mail program whereby applicants may complete registration forms printed in certain newspapers and mail the applications to local election boards; providing for the content of the registration forms and that these forms shall be completed under penalties of perjury; and providing for the publication of the voter registration forms.]] providing for the establishment by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws of a program for the publication of voter registration request forms in the newspapers in those subdivisions which have adopted voter registration by mail.

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 3-1(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

[[Preamble

WHEREAS, Statistics continually indicate that the number of individuals who are registered to vote in this State are far below the number of individuals who are actually eligible to exercise the franchise. The General Assembly recognizes that there is a continuing duty to the citizens of this State to encourage voter educations and registration in order that the political process be most responsive to the needs of the people. As a means to this end, a program of voter registration whereby an applicant may register to vote by completing a registration form published in the newspapers of this State is hereby established; now, therefore,]]

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF