

MARYLAND, That new Section 3-1(d) be and it is hereby added to Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

3-1.

(D) [(1) IN EVERY COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY A VOTER REGISTRATION-BY-MAIL PROGRAM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND ADMINISTERED BY GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS FOR ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, FOLLOWING THE GENERAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE. THIS PROGRAM SHALL CONSIST OF THE PUBLICATION BY EVERY DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN THE STATE OF A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM WHICH MAY BE COMPLETED BY AN APPLICANT AND MAILED TO HIS LOCAL ELECTION BOARD.

(2) REGISTRATION FORMS SHALL BE DESIGNED TO REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO SUPPLY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE, TO ASCERTAIN THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PERSON APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION BY MAIL, AND TO PREVENT FRAUDULENT REGISTRATIONS. THE INFORMATION REQUIRED ON THESE FORMS SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE APPLICANT UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY.

(3) THE REGISTRATION FORMS SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST ONCE BY EACH NEWSPAPER DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE NINTH MONDAY BEFORE ANY PRIMARY, SPECIAL, OR GENERAL ELECTION.]] THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC PUBLICATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORMS. THE VOTER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM SHALL BE IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS AND SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN ONLY DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS THAT PRIMARILY CIRCULATE IN THOSE SUBDIVISIONS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED VOTER REGISTRATION BY MAIL AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) ABOVE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.