## CHAPTER 198

## (House Bill 1148)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Registration by Mail

FOR the purpose of repealing the exclusion of Carroll [[County]] and Garrett Counties from the voter registration-by-mail program; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 — Election Code Section 3-1(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-1(c) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## Article 33 - Election Code

3-1.

(c) [[Except in [Carroll and]] Garrett [counties] COUNTY, a]] 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. Registration forms shall be designed to require the applicant to supply information required by this article, for the registration of voters to ascertain the qualifications of the voter 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. Registration by mail under this subsection may be made from and after January 1, 1974.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay