

CHAPTER 37

(House Bill 550)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Absentee Ballot

FOR the purpose of changing the time period for making application to vote as an absentee voter in certain cases; and making style changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 27-2(a) and (a-1) and 27-4(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 27-2(a) and (a-1) and 27-4(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

27-2.

(a) Any qualified voter whose physical disability or confinement in or restriction to an institution prevents or will prevent him from being present and personally voting at the polls on any election day shall also be entitled to vote as an absentee voter under this subtitle. Such voter shall make application for an absentee ballot as provided in § 27-4 of this article. The application shall be filed in the office of the board of supervisors of elections not later than [seven (7) days prior to] THE TUESDAY PRECEDING any election. Upon receipt of the application the board shall mail to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot. In all other respects, absentee voting as provided for in this section shall be similar to and controlled by the applicable procedure provided by law for absentee voting.

(a-1) [Within seven (7) days of] AFTER THE TUESDAY PRECEDING an election and on the day of the election prior to the time the polls close, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply for an emergency absentee ballot if[,] he is notified after the time for making application for an absentee ballot that, as a condition of his employment, he is required to be absent from the county or Baltimore City where he is