

## CHAPTER 312

## (Senate Bill 591)

## AN ACT concerning

Frederick County - Cancellation of Voter's Registration

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the cancellation of the registration of a voter if he votes in any election in Frederick City within a certain period.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 3-20(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-20(a) 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33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

3-20.

(a) If a registered voter has not voted at least once at a primary, general or special election within the five preceding calendar years, it shall be the duty of the board or the board of permanent registry unless cause to the contrary be shown, to cause the registration of that voter to be cancelled by removing the registration cards or forms of the voter from the original and duplicate files and placing the same in a transfer file. In the [City] CITIES of Hagerstown AND FREDERICK voting in a municipal election during this period will satisfy the requirements of this section. A notice of this action and the reason therefor shall be sent to the last known address of the voter, notifying him to appear before the board at a date specified in the notice not earlier than one week or later than two weeks from the date of mailing of the notice, and to show cause why his name should not be removed from the registry.

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