

CHAPTER 306

(Senate Bill 242)

AN ACT concerning

Elections - Polling Places

FOR the purpose of requiring a polling place to be structurally barrier free, ~~if such a place is available to the extent feasible~~, in order to permit access, for the purpose of voting, to physically handicapped voters; and providing a procedure for the assignment of a qualified physically handicapped voter to an alternate polling place, subject to certain conditions and limitations; ~~and providing that this Act is contingent upon a certain Constitutional Amendment.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 2-11 (a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 33-Election Code
Section 3-21A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 2-11(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

2-11.

(a) (1) It is the duty of the respective boards to appoint and to provide for furnishing, heating, lighting and cleaning, a suitable polling place in each precinct, which shall be as near the center of the voting population of the precinct as practicable. Whenever all three members of any board shall file in their office a statement in writing that a suitable place cannot in their judgment be secured in any precinct, a suitable place in an adjoining precinct may be provided. In no case shall an election be held in any building or part of any building used or occupied as a saloon, billiard hall or bowling alley or communicating therewith by doors or