

AN ACT concerning

Election Boards - Constitutional Amendments,  
Referenda, and Other Questions

FOR the purpose of permitting the election board of each county and Baltimore City to mail to the household of each registered voter in the county or Baltimore City before the election a specimen ballot; and providing for a certain exception.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 2-10  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 2-10 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33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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

2-10.

Each board shall give public notice of the time and place of all elections in each precinct. Such notice shall be given in newspapers of general circulation; in the discretion of the board, notice may also be given by handbills set up in such public places in each precinct as the board may determine. THE ELECTION BOARD OF EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY AT THEIR DISCRETION MAY MAIL AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE EVERY ELECTION A SPECIMEN BALLOT TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE EVERY ELECTION.

(a) [~~In the counties~~] ~~EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY OR IN THOSE COUNTIES WHICH MAIL SPECIMEN BALLOTS,~~ each board THE BOARD OF EACH COUNTY EXCEPT THOSE IN WHICH A SPECIMEN BALLOT IS MAILED PURSUANT TO THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AND SUCH BALLOT INCLUDES THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE ELECTION, shall give notice during the calendar week preceding any election of the time and place of the election by advertisements, if some can be procured at the lowest available local rate for commercial advertising, in at least two newspapers of general circulation published in the county, except that in those counties where there is only one newspaper published which is a weekly of general circulation, then in the weekly newspaper.

(1) In Dorchester County, the notices shall be in three newspapers published therein (one of which, if possible, shall be of the principal minority party).