

notice to registered voters whose registrations are to be cancelled for failure to vote in an election during a certain period of time; repealing a requirement that Baltimore City publish certain information; and deleting a reference to the board of permanent registry's duty to cancel these registrations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 3-20(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

3-20.

(a) If a registered voter has BEEN REGISTERED BUT 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 them in a transfer file. In the 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. ~~In addition, in Baltimore City the names and last known street addresses of those voters whose registration is to be cancelled shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation one month prior to the date of removal.~~

(c) ANNUALLY THE BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHICH PERSONS HAVE NOT VOTED AT LEAST ONCE AT A PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL ELECTION, WITHIN THE FIVE CALENDAR YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND SEND THOSE PERSONS THE NOTICE REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (a) OF THIS SECTION. The notice [to be sent to persons who have not voted at least once at a primary, general or special election within the five preceding calendar years, as prescribed in subsection (a) of this section,] shall be in a form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.