

Section 16A-1(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

16A-1.

(d) The use of an electronically tabulated punchcard ballot voting system in Montgomery County shall be governed by general rules and regulations promulgated by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and by conditions attached by that Board to the granting of the application from the Montgomery County board. The rules, regulations and conditions shall be consistent with the purposes of this subtitle, and shall include a description of the voting system, specifications for equipment required to implement the system, procedures for use of the system in the polling places on election day and for the canvass of votes following the election, and provisions to insure the following:

(1) The secrecy of the ballot, in both the voting and tabulating processes.

(2) A process whereby each voter is permitted to vote at any election for all persons and offices for which he is entitled to vote; to vote for as many persons for an office as he is entitled to vote for; and to vote for or against any question upon which he is entitled to vote.

(3) Rejection of all votes for any office or measure when the number of votes cast by a voter exceeds the number that voter is entitled to cast.

(4) Correct counting of votes on ballots on which the proper number of votes has been indicated.

(5) A process whereby each voter is permitted to vote by one punch or mark for more than one candidate, if this method of election is required by law.

(6) The casting and counting of write-in votes, if this method of voting is permitted by law.

(7) The tabulating and recording of votes by precinct for or against any candidate, candidates, or question.

(8) A PROCESS WHEREBY BALLOTS WHICH ARE CAST EARLY IN THE VOTING DAY MAY BE TRANSFERRED BY ELECTION JUDGES TO A CENTRAL COUNTING LOCATION AND BE PREPARED PRIOR