

Election Law - Offenses

~~FOR--the--purpose--of--specifying--a--certain--exception--in
Montgomery--County--to--the--prohibition--on--removal--of
ballots--from--a--voting--enclosure,--and--clarifying
language.~~ For the purpose of specifying an exception to
a certain prohibition concerning removal of ballots;
and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 24-23
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

24-23.

(a) The following offenses shall be punished as in this section provided. For any person:

(1) Wilfully to destroy or deface any ballot or, ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION-(B)-OF-THIS-SECTION THIS ARTICLE,~~ to take or remove any ballot outside of the [enclosure provided for voting] BUILDING IN WHICH VOTING OCCURS, before the close of the polls; or

(2) Wilfully to delay the delivery of any ballot; or

(3) On or before the day of any election to have or retain in his possession any official ballot printed for said election unless such possession by him is necessary or appropriate and designed for the purpose of carrying out the true intent and meaning of this article; or

(4) To canvass, electioneer or post any campaign material in said polling place or within a 100 foot radius from the entrance and exit of the building closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs. However, in Anne Arundel and Harford counties, no person may canvass, electioneer, or post any campaign literature or material on election day in a polling place or within a 300 foot radius from the entrance and exit of the building closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.

~~(B)--IN-MONTGOMERY-COUNTY,--A-PUNCHCARD--BALLOT--MAY--BE
REMOVED--FROM--THE--VOTING--ENCLOSURE--AS--PRESCRIBED--BY
REGULATION.~~