

~~FOR the purpose of permitting the use of a certain punchcard ballot voting system as an alternative to the lever voting machine in Harford County, exempting certain polling places in Harford County from proclaiming election results in certain instances, providing for certain safeguards in the use of electronically tabulated punchcard ballots, and generally relating to the implementation of such a system.~~

FOR the purpose of making certain provisions relating to the use of punchcard ballots applicable in Harford County; and providing that this Act does not affect the application of laws in Montgomery County.

BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~ adding to

Article 33 - Election Code  
 Section ~~16-16(e)(1)~~ and ~~16A-1~~ 16A-2  
 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

~~16-16.~~

~~(e)(1) Except in HARFORD COUNTY AND Montgomery County polling places for any election at which the use of electronically tabulated punchcard ballots has been authorized by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws pursuant to § 16A-1 of this article, the proclamation of the result of the votes cast shall be announced distinctly and audibly by one of the judges, who shall read the names of each candidate, the designation or designating numbers and letters of his counters and the vote registered on each counter, and also the vote cast for and against each question submitted.~~

~~16A-1.~~

~~(a) In HARFORD COUNTY AND Montgomery County or a portion thereof, ballots may be in the form of one or more punchcards which may be electronically tabulated.~~

~~(b) Before the local board in HARFORD COUNTY AND Montgomery County may use electronically tabulated punchcard ballots, the particular voting system, including the form of ballot arrangement, the nature of the punchcard used, the method of marking ballots, and any sorting or counting devices must be approved by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Before approving a punchcard ballot system for use, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws~~