

Bills and Messages

Senate Bill No. 14

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws - Ballots

FOR the purpose of clarifying the law with respect to the arrangement of names on ballots in certain elections; specifying the arrangement of names on ballots in certain elections; and generally relating to election ballots.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 16-5(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 16-5(e-1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

16-5.

(e) (1) The names of all candidates of a political party shall appear on the ballots in adjacent rows or columns containing generally the names of candidates nominated by such party.

(2) In primary elections the names of candidates seeking nomination by a particular party shall be segregated [on the voting machines] in adjacent rows or columns by parties.

(3) In both primary and general elections, the candidates of the majority party shall be placed in the first rows or columns, the principal minority party shall be in the succeeding rows or columns to be followed by other parties in order of highest voter registration, and thereafter independents.