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(E-1) (1) IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, THE NAMES OF ALL CANDIDATES OF A POLITICAL PARTY WITHIN A CONTEST SHALL APPEAR IN ADJACENT VOTING POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT CONTAINING GENERALLY THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY SUCH PARTY.

(2) ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES OF THE MAJORITY PARTY SHALL BE PLACED IN THE FIRST VOTING POSITION OR POSITIONS WITHIN A CONTEST, THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES OF THE PRINCIPAL MINORITY PARTY SHALL BE PLACED IN THE SUCCEEDING VOTING POSITION OR POSITIONS WITHIN THAT CONTEST, TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES IN ORDER OF HIGHEST VOTER REGISTRATION, AND THEREAFTER INDEPENDENTS.

(3) IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, THE NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES SEEKING NOMINATION SHALL BE SEGREGATED BY PARTY.

(4) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY TO ALL BALLOTS OTHER THAN VOTING MACHINE BALLOTS, INCLUDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 14.

This bill creates a uniform ballot for voting machines, punch cards and absentee paper ballots.

House Bill 8, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on June 1, 1982, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 14.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor