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CHAPTER 375

(House Bill 242)

AN ACT concerning

Notice of Elections

FOR the purpose of eliminating the use of handbills to give notice of elections; deleting the requirement that in Dorchester County notices shall be in 3 newspapers published in Dorchester County; and providing an exception to the publication requirement for certain counties which mail specimen ballots containing certain information.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 2-10 and 8-5(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

2-10.

Each board shall give public notice of the time and place of all elections in each precinct. Such notice shall be given in newspapers of general circulation; in the discretion of the board, [notice] NOTICES may also be [given by handbills set up] POSTED in such public places in each precinct as the board may determine. The election board of each county and Baltimore City at their discretion may mail at least one week before every election a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter in the county or Baltimore City.

(a) The board of each county except those in which a specimen ballot is mailed pursuant to the preceding paragraph and such ballot includes the time and place of the election, shall give notice during the calendar week preceding any election of the time and place of the election by advertisements, if some can be procured at the lowest available local rate for commercial advertising, in at least two newspapers of general circulation published in the county, except that in those counties where there is only one newspaper published which is a weekly of general circulation, then in the weekly newspaper.