SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983.

Approved May 24, 1983.

CHAPTER 415

(House Bill 308)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Change of Party Affiliation

FOR the purpose of providing an exception to a certain restriction on changes of party affiliation by registered voters for any individual who changes his residence from one county to another within the State; specifying that the restriction may not be circumvented by voluntarily canceling registration and reregistering within the same county; and clarifying language.

BY repealing

Article 33 - Election Code Section 3-8(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code Section 3-8(b) 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

3-8.

[(b) Voters already registered as declines who wish to affiliate with a party, or voters who wish to change their party affiliation, or voters who wish to change from affiliation with a party to registration as a decline, may do so at any time prior to four months before any primary election or, in the case of a special primary and special election pursuant to § 22-1 (b) of this article, at any time prior to the date on which the Governor issues a proclamation directing that such elections be held.]