

or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Enacted April 7, 2006.

CHAPTER 41
(Senate Bill 124)

AN ACT concerning

Election Law - Protection of Voter's Confidential Information and Secrecy of Absentee Ballot Results

FOR the purpose of creating an exception to the requirement to verify residence address of a voter whose personal information has been deemed confidential by a local board; requiring an election judge to conduct a certain alternative voter verification under certain circumstances; providing that certain absentee ballot election results may not be reported by precinct; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to protecting confidential voter information and the secrecy of certain absentee ballot results.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

Section 10-310(a) and 11-402(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Election Law

10-310.

(a) For each individual who seeks to vote, an election judge, in accordance with instructions provided by the local board, shall:

(1) locate the individual's name in the precinct register and locate the preprinted voting authority card and then authorize the individual to vote a regular ballot;

(2) (i) if the individual's name is not found on the precinct register, search the inactive list and if the name is found, authorize the individual to vote a regular ballot; or

(ii) if the individual's name is not on the inactive list, refer the individual for provisional ballot voting under § 9-404 of this article;