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- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, ON ELECTION DAY AT A POLLING SITE OR WITHIN AN AREA SURROUNDING THE POLLING SITE PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD AS PROVIDED UNDER § 16-206(B) OF THIS TITLE, a person may not attire or equip an individual, or permit an individual to be attired or equipped, in a manner which creates the appearance that the individual is performing an official or governmental function in connection with an election, including:
- (1) wearing a public or private law enforcement or security guard uniform;
 - (2) using an armband; or
- (3) except as required by law or by regulation adopted by the State Board in connection with ballot security activities, carrying or displaying a gun or badge within 100 feet of a polling site on election day.
- (b) (1) A law enforcement officer or security guard who is on duty or traveling to or from duty may vote while wearing a uniform.
- (2) a law enforcement officer who is performing an official governmental function may wear a uniform at a polling site.
- (c) A person who violates this section is subject to the civil penalty specified under § 16–1002 of this title.
- (D) A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY SPECIFIED UNDER § 16–1003 OF THIS TITLE.

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A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES § 16-903 OF THIS TITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,500 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 462 – Law Enforcement Agencies – Prohibition Against Arrest and Citation Quotas.

This bill prohibits a law enforcement agency from establishing a quota for the agency