

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 9-101 and 9-102, respectively, of Article - Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 9-102 and 9-103, respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

9-101.

(A) IN ANY CUSTODY OR VISITATION PROCEEDING, IF THE COURT HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED BY A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING, THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS LIKELY TO OCCUR IF CUSTODY OR VISITATION RIGHTS ARE GRANTED TO THE PARTY.

(B) UNLESS THE COURT SPECIFICALLY FINDS THAT THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY THE PARTY, THE COURT SHALL DENY CUSTODY OR VISITATION RIGHTS TO THAT PARTY, EXCEPT THAT THE COURT MAY APPROVE A SUPERVISED VISITATION ARRANGEMENT THAT ASSURES THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1984.

May 29, 1984

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 420.

This bill alters certain deadlines for changes in party affiliation by registered voters.

Senate Bill 260, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 15, 1984, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 420.

Sincerely,