

FOR the purpose of providing that whenever the fact of voting is recorded in an automated or computerized system, recording of the fact of voting in a certain manner is not required, provided certain conditions are met.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 3-12  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

3-12.

(a) The boards shall prescribe the style, color, quality and dimensions of all forms, cards and records required for the continuous registration of voters as herein provided and shall prescribe the requirements of the cabinets, binders, and other equipment needed for filing the original and duplicate registration cards. No particular design or make shall be prescribed for such cabinets, binders, or other equipment. These registration forms or cards shall consist of an equal number of original cards or loose-leaf pages of one color, and duplicate cards or loose-leaf pages of another color, or a size adequate to contain the information required. Two separate registration cards shall be utilized at all registrations by the registrars, and carbonized registration forms may be substituted for the two separate registration cards. [Provisions] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, PROVISIONS shall be made on the cards or loose-leaf pages for recording the fact that registered voters have or have not voted at each election. Space shall be provided for such recording for a period of not less than 12 years. The fact of voting shall be indicated by writing the letter "v" in the proper space. Provision shall also be made on the cards or loose-leaf pages for showing subsequent changes of address or party affiliation. This subsection does not apply if registration-by-mail forms are used for all voter registrations.

(B) WHENEVER THE FACT OF VOTING IS RECORDED IN AN AUTOMATED OR COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM, RECORDING OF THE FACT OF VOTING ON THE REGISTRATION CARD OR LOOSE-LEAF PAGES AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT REQUIRED, PROVIDED:—

(1) THE VOTING RECORD INFORMATION MAINTAINED IN THE AUTOMATED OR COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM IS MAINTAINED ON A CURRENT BASIS--7-- FOR A PERIOD COVERING THE 5 PRECEDING YEARS AND CAN BE UPDATED OR CORRECTED WHERE APPROPRIATE--7--16 ; AND