

canvassers shall maintain the safety of the ballots until the canvass is completed; providing that certain action be taken if the intent of the voter is not clearly demonstrated; providing that certain action be taken if a ballot is intentionally marked in a certain manner; providing for a certain time which the board shall preserve certain papers and ballots; providing that the board shall place certain ballots in a secure place to which the public has no access; making certain stylistic changes; generally relating to procedures for absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots; and making this Act an emergency measure.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 27-2(a-1), 27-7(b), and 27-9(b), (d), (g), and (h)  
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

27-2.

(a-1) (1) After the Tuesday preceding an election and on the day of the election prior to the time the polls close, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply AT ~~THE--ELECTION--OFFICE~~ THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS for an emergency absentee ballot if [he is notified after the time for making application for an absentee ballot that, as a condition of his employment, he is required to be absent from the county or Baltimore City where he is registered to vote on the day of an election, if he is a person described in § 27-1 (a), or if he is unable to be physically present at the polls as a result of illness or accident occurring after the time of making application for an absentee ballot, or if he is unable to be present because of a death or serious illness in his immediate family occurring after the time for making application.] THE PERSON:

(I) IS WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF § 27-1(A) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(II) IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE POLLS AS A RESULT OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT OCCURRING AFTER THE TIME FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT;

(III) IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE POLLS BECAUSE OF A DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THE PERSON'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY, ABOUT WHICH THE PERSON BECOMES AWARE AFTER THE TIME FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; OR