required by this Act. The uniform statewide form shall be available for distribution, and shall be accepted by the boards of supervisors of elections as applications for voter registration, beginning January 1, 1986.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

CHAPTER 595

(House Bill 184)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - Charter Petitions

FOR the purpose of altering the time by which certain charter petitions must be filed; and making technical changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code Section 23-1(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

23-1.

(b) Questions arising under Article XI-A of the Constitution of Maryland (including demands or petitions for the election of a charter board, amendments to any charter previously adopted, and any proposed charter or form of government) shall be filed with the board, mayor of Baltimore City, or president of the board of county commissioners, or the county council as the case may be, on or before THE END OF THE REGULAR BUSINESS DAY ON the [third] FIRST SECOND Monday in the month of August in the year in which there is to be a general election at which any of these questions is to be voted upon. The filing of any of these questions with the officer [of] OR officers specified in Article XI-A shall be construed also to be a filing with the board for the purposes of this article.