

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, ISSUE THE VOTER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE [in order to permit reasonable access for the voter if the voter's own polling place is not so designed. A person who has qualified as a physically handicapped voter entitled to vote at an alternate polling place shall be regarded as a voter who is unable to vote personally at his own polling place].

(2) In order to qualify for assignment to an alternate polling place, the voter shall apply for a change in polling place on a form prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws no later than the closing of registration for any election.

(3) AN ELDERLY OR HANDICAPPED VOTER WHO IS ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER POLLING PLACE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH THE SAME BALLOT AS THAT USED AT THE VOTER'S ORIGINAL POLLING PLACE. [For the purposes of this section, "physically handicapped voter" means any voter who has temporarily or permanently lost the use of a leg or both legs or a foot or both feet or any combination; who is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of braces, canes, crutches or a wheelchair; whose mobility is significantly impaired by reason of heart or lung disease; who suffers from hemophilia; or who is blind or whose vision is substantially impaired.]

SECTION 2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 29, 1986.

CHAPTER 185

(House Bill 189)

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws - Identification of a Voter by Birthday

FOR the purpose of removing an obsolete method of identification of a voter; and adding a certain alternative method to verify identification of a voter before voting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 15-4(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)