

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

Article 33 - Election Code

15-4.

(a) A registered voter offering to vote at any election, before being permitted to vote, shall identify himself by signing a voting authority card and giving any change of address or name in the presence of the judges which shall be entered on the voting authority card or on a change of address or name form by the voter. When electronically reproduced voter authority cards are used, the voter shall enter his date of birth in the spaces provided, if such information is not preprinted. [Unless an electronically reproduced precinct register is used, the judge in charge of the precinct register shall compare the signature upon that card with the signature upon the registration card, and if they are not identical, the applicant may not be permitted to vote unless the majority of judges are of the opinion that he is the same person whose name appears upon the registration card. If the entry "Cannot sign" appears upon the registration card, or if an electronically produced precinct register is used, then the] THE applicant shall state his-BIRTHDAY-OR THE MONTH AND DAY OF THE APPLICANT'S BIRTH, OR THE APPLICANT'S age, which shall be compared with the-BIRTHDAY-OR-age-stated-upon [the registration card or] the listed voter registration information[, as the case may be], or the applicant shall identify himself by such other means as are referred to upon IN the [registration card or] listed information. If, upon -{comparison of the INFORMATION [signature or other] CONFIRMING-identification, it is found that the applicant is entitled to vote, then the judge having charge of the precinct register shall approve the voting authority card and write his initials thereon. The number of voting authority cards furnished to the judges shall exceed by ten percent the number of registered voters in the precinct. Each voting authority card shall be numbered and dated, and they shall be handed to the applicants in numerical order, as these applicants appear and offer to vote.

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

Approved April 29, 1986.

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