

AN ACT concerning

Election Laws - Polling Places

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the local boards of supervisors of elections to use as a polling place, in certain circumstances, any building or part of a building for which a license has been issued to serve alcoholic beverages; and generally relating to polling places in which alcoholic beverages are sold or dispensed~~ altering provisions relating to the use of certain buildings as polling places; and generally relating to the selection of polling place locations by local boards of supervisors of elections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code  
Section 2-11  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 33 - Election Code

2-11.

(a) (1) It is the duty of the respective boards to appoint and to provide for furnishing, heating, lighting and cleaning, a suitable polling place in each precinct, which shall be as near the center of the voting population of the precinct as practicable. Whenever all three members of any board shall file in their office a statement in writing that a suitable place cannot in their judgment be secured in any precinct, a suitable place in an adjoining precinct may be provided. [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH {3} (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN no case shall an election be held in any building or part of any building used or occupied PRIMARILY as a ~~saloon, billiard hall, or bowling alley~~ or communicating therewith by doors or hallways except as to a building owned and occupied by a bona fide volunteer fire company, service club, veterans organization or, fraternal organization in ~~Allegheny County~~, OR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY.

(2) AN ELECTION MAY NOT BE HELD IN AN ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THAT HOLDS AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED UNLESS: