

(b) (1) To qualify for a reassignment by the local board, the voter shall submit a request in writing to the local board not later than the close of registration for the election.

(2) The request may be made on a form prescribed by the State Board.

(c) On receipt of a request from an elderly or disabled voter under subsection (b) of this section, the local board shall either:

(1) Assign the voter to an election district, ward, or precinct in the voter's county that contains a structurally barrier free polling place; or

(2) Issue the voter an absentee ballot in accordance with the procedures established under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article, notwithstanding the voter's lack of eligibility for an absentee ballot under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article.

(d) Any ballot issued to a voter under subsection (c)(2) of this section shall be identical to the ballot used in the polling place originally assigned to the voter.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

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## CHAPTER 201

(House Bill 208)

AN ACT concerning

### **Grants to Local Economic Development Funds - Matching Funds Requirement**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of matching funds that must be provided in certain circumstances by a local government to a local economic development fund to qualify for a grant from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund to the local economic development fund; and generally relating to grants from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund to local economic development funds.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 5-701(a) and 5-1401(i), (k), and (m)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 5-1407