

(c) (1) If a local board provides notice by mailing specimen ballots, a specimen ballot shall be mailed to all registered voters in the county who are eligible to vote in the election.

(2) The specimen ballot shall be a facsimile of the ballot that the voter is entitled to vote in the election.

(d) (1) In Prince George's County for the general election, the Board shall:

(i) Provide notice by mailing specimen ballots; and

(ii) Mail a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter in the County.

(2) The costs for mailing specimen ballots in Prince George's County shall be included in the County's annual budget appropriation to the local board.

(e) (1) Unless a local board mails a specimen ballot to its registered voters in accordance with subsection (c) or (d) of this section, the local board shall give notice of the election by newspaper publication or other means of mass communication.

(2) The notice of election under this subsection shall be arranged, if practicable, in the same order and form as the ballot.

(3) (i) If newspaper publication is used in a county, the notice shall be advertised in at least two newspapers of general circulation that are published in the county.

(ii) In a county in which only one newspaper is published, the notice shall be published in that newspaper.

[(f) (1) In the City of Baltimore, the local board:

(i) Shall give notice of an election by advertisement in each daily newspaper published in the City; and

(ii) May give notice in any weekly or semiweekly newspaper that has a circulation of 20,000 or more subscribers.

(2) A newspaper may not charge the local board for Baltimore City a fee for an advertisement under this paragraph that exceeds its rate for commercial advertising.]

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

Approved May 18, 2001.