

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

**Article - Election Law**

10-308.

(A) An election judge shall allow the following individuals to have access to the voting room at a polling place:

- (1) a voter;
- (2) an individual who accompanies a voter in need of assistance in accordance with § 10-310(c) of this subtitle;
- (3) polling place staff;
- (4) a member or other representative of the State Board or local board;
- (5) an accredited watcher or challenger under § 10-311 of this subtitle;
- (6) ~~a child~~ AN INDIVIDUAL under the age of ~~[11]~~ 14 ~~13~~ who accompanies ~~the~~ voter in accordance with § 10-310(c) of this subtitle, PROVIDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS IN THE CARE OF THE VOTER AND DOES NOT DISRUPT OR INTERFERE WITH NORMAL VOTING PROCEDURES; and
- (7) any other individual authorized by the State Board or local board.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A)(6) OF THIS SECTION, NOT MORE THAN TWO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 13 MAY ACCOMPANY A VOTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 10-310(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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(c) (1) Before a voter enters a voting booth, at the request of the voter, an election judge shall:

- (i) instruct the voter about the operation of the voting system; and
- (ii) allow the voter an opportunity to operate a model voting device, if appropriate to the voting system in use.

(2) (i) 1. After a voter enters the voting booth, at the request of the voter, two election judges representing different political parties shall instruct the voter on the operation of the voting device.

2. An election judge may not suggest in any way how the voter should vote for a particular ticket, candidate, or position on a question.

3. After instructing the voter, the election judges shall exit the voting booth and allow the voter to vote privately.

(ii) A voter may take into the polling place any written or printed material to assist the voter in marking or preparing the ballot.