

(3) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a voter who requires assistance in marking or preparing the ballot because of a physical disability or an inability to read the English language may choose any individual to assist the voter.

(ii) A voter may not choose the voter's employer or agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union to assist the voter in marking the ballot.

(4) If the voter requires the assistance of another in voting, but declines to select an individual to assist, an election judge, in the presence of another election judge that represents another political party, shall assist the voter in the manner prescribed by the voter.

(5) An individual assisting a voter may not suggest in any way how the voter should vote for a particular ticket, candidate, or position on a question.

(6) If a voter requires assistance under [paragraphs] PARAGRAPH (4) or (5) of this subsection, the election judge shall record, on a form prescribed by the State Board, the name of the voter who required assistance and the name of the individual providing assistance to the voter.

(7) Except as provided in [paragraphs] PARAGRAPH (3) or (4) of this subsection, ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL over the age of [10] ~~is~~ 12 years may not accompany a voter into a voting booth.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2004.

May 25, 2004

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
Senate President
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 117 – *Consumer Protection – Privacy of Social Security Numbers*.

Senate Bill 117 prohibits a person other than a unit of State or local government from publicly posting or displaying an individual's Social Security number. It further prohibits printing of an individual's Social Security number on a card required to access products and service or requiring an individual to transmit his or her Social Security number over the Internet without a secure connection and encryption protection. In addition, the bill prohibits requiring individuals from using their Social Security number to access an Internet website unless some other unique personal identification or authentication device is also used. The bill does not apply to any requirement to use or release an individual's Social Security number pursuant to State or federal law, nor does it apply to inclusion of a Social Security number in