

FOR the purpose of providing that the local boards of election need not comply with certain registration provisions of the Election Code if the board uses registration-by-mail forms for all voter registrations; and making style changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 3-12(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 3-12(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

3-12.

(a) [It shall be the duty of the boards to] THE BOARDS SHALL prescribe the style, color, quality and dimensions of all forms, cards and records required for the continuous registration of voters as herein provided and [to] SHALL prescribe the requirements of the cabinets, binders, and other equipment needed for filing the original and duplicate registration cards. No particular design or make shall be prescribed for such cabinets, binders, or other equipment. [Such] THESE registration forms or cards shall consist of an equal number of original cards or loose-leaf pages of one color, and duplicate cards or loose-leaf pages of another color, or a size adequate to contain the information required. Two separate registration cards shall be utilized at all registrations by the registrars, and carbonized registration forms may be substituted for the two separate registration cards. Provisions shall be made on [said] THE cards or loose-leaf pages for recording the fact that registered voters have or have not voted at each election[; and space]. SPACE shall be provided for such recording for a period of not less than [twelve] 12 years. The fact of voting shall be indicated by writing the letter "V" in the proper space. Provision shall also be made on [such] THE cards or loose-leaf pages for showing subsequent changes of address or party affiliation. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF REGISTRATION-BY-MAIL FORMS ARE USED FOR ALL VOTER REGISTRATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.