

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 25-4 be and it is hereby added to Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

25-4.

(A) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM "VOTER INFORMATION MATERIAL" INCLUDES ONLY CAMPAIGN LITERATURE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE OF REGISTRATION OR VOTING INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS.

(B) IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IN THOSE MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUMS, WHERE ACCESS TO THE ENTRANCE OF INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS IS RESTRICTED OR DENIED BY THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE STRUCTURE, THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF SUCH STRUCTURES SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC AREA WITHIN THE STRUCTURE WHERE, FOR A THE 60 DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO EACH PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION, VOTER INFORMATION MATERIAL MAY BE DISTRIBUTED OR DEPOSITED.

(C) THE PUBLIC AREAS SO DESIGNATED SHALL BE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE STRUCTURE IN WHICH ACCESS IS DENIED OR RESTRICTED.

(D) VOTER INFORMATION MATERIAL DEPOSITED IN THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREA SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE STRUCTURE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TEN DAYS.

(E) IN THE EVENT OF ANY VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS, UPON WRITTEN NOTIFICATION BY THE PERSON WHO WAS DENIED ACCESS OR WHOSE RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION WERE VIOLATED, SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE STRUCTURE INVOLVED OF THE APPARENT VIOLATION, AND OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND REQUEST COMPLIANCE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 791

(House Bill 876)

AN ACT concerning