

AN ACT concerning

Election - Ballots

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an elector from voting for more than an allotted number of candidates from a specific county if there are provisions for the election of only a certain number of delegates from that specific county and legal requirements that the delegates live in that specific county.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 16-5(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 16-5(d) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

16-5.

(d) The party designation of each candidate, properly separated from his name, shall be included on all ballots at any election; provided, however, that [such] THE party name shall consist of one word only. In addition, the name of each candidate for public or party office for which the voters of the entire State or more than one county or legislative district [thereof] may vote, shall be identified by the county or city in which said candidate resides. IF THERE IS A PROVISION FOR THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES WHO ARE BY LAW REQUIRED TO LIVE IN A SPECIFIC COUNTY AND ONLY A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DELEGATES MAY BE ELECTED FROM THAT COUNTY, AN ELECTOR MAY NOT CAST A VOTE FOR MORE THAN THAT NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FROM THAT SPECIFIC COUNTY. The ballots shall be [so] arranged SO that exact uniformity, to the extent practicable, will prevail as to size and face of printing of all candidates' names and party designation. The names of all candidates for judge of the circuit courts for the several counties or of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or for judge of the Court of Special Appeals or the Court of Appeals, shall be placed on the ballots without any party label or other distinguishing mark or location which might directly or indirectly indicate the party affiliation of any such candidate.

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