

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 3-20 (a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section (s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

3-20.

(a) (1) If a registered voter has not voted at least once at a primary, general or special election within the five preceding calendar years, it shall be the duty of the board or the board of permanent registry unless cause to the contrary be shown, to cause the registration of that voter to be cancelled by removing the registration cards or forms of the voter from the original and duplicate files and placing them in a transfer file. In the cities of Hagerstown and Frederick voting in a municipal election during this period will satisfy the requirements of this section. A notice of this action and the reason therefor shall be sent to the last known address of the voter, notifying him to appear before the board at a date specified in the notice not earlier than one week or later than two weeks from the date of mailing of the notice, and to show cause why his name should not be removed from the registry. [In addition, in Baltimore City the names and last known street addresses of those voters whose registration is to be cancelled shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation one month prior to the date of removal.]

(2) LISTS CONTAINING THE NAMES AND LAST KNOWN STREET ADDRESSES OF THOSE VOTERS WHOSE REGISTRATION IS TO BE CANCELLED SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF REMOVAL. ANY BOARD MAY CHARGE REASONABLE FEES FOR SUCH LISTS BUT THE RATE MAY NOT EXCEED 1/2 CENT PER NAME AND ADDRESS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 20, 1978.
