

**CHAPTER 545**

**(House Bill 320)**

AN ACT concerning

**Election Laws – Voter Registration – Mail Verification**

FOR the purpose of authorizing local boards of supervisors of elections to establish a mail verification program to verify the correctness and accuracy of the information maintained in the boards' voter records; requiring a board that implements a verification program to send a certain notice to certain registered voters and to send an additional notice under certain circumstances; repealing certain election provisions relating to correcting voter lists; requiring the mail verification program to comply with the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a mail verification program to verify the correctness and accuracy of voter registration records.

BY repealing

Article 33 – Election Code  
Section 3–24  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1990 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 33 – Election Code  
Section 3–24  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 33 – Election Code**

[3–24.

(a) Whenever the board determines that any precinct or portion of a precinct is in need of a detailed check for the purpose of correcting the registration lists of the precinct, it shall deliver to one or more of its clerks a copy of the registration list of all voters registered in the precinct or portion of the precinct. The board, at the same time, shall furnish to each of the clerks a sufficient number of change of residence cards on which registrants who have changed their residence may apply to the board for a transfer of registration, and a sufficient number of cards to be handed to nonregistered voters indicating when and where to register.

(b) The clerk or clerks shall visit the place of residence of every registered voter on the list and after diligent inquiry shall check the names on the registration lists, indicating on the margin (1) by the word "present" after the name of each voter, all such