

HOUSE BILL 247

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HB 142/20 – W&M

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

Requested: July 8, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Voting Order Priority – Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a chief election judge to give voting order priority to certain
4 individuals; authorizing certain individuals to request voting order priority of any
5 election judge serving at a polling place or early voting center; requiring the State
6 Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to voting order
7 priority for individuals with mobility problems or accompanied by children with a
8 disability.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Election Law
11 Section 10–309.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Election Law**

17 **10–309.1.**

18 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A CHIEF ELECTION**
19 **JUDGE SHALL GIVE VOTING ORDER PRIORITY TO AN INDIVIDUAL:**

20 **(1) WHO HAS A MOBILITY PROBLEM THAT SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRS**
21 **THE INDIVIDUAL’S ABILITY TO MOVE AROUND OR STAND;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) WHO IS ASSISTING AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (1) OF**
2 **THIS SUBSECTION; OR**

3 **(3) WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY.**

4 **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
5 **MAY REQUEST VOTING ORDER PRIORITY OF ANY ELECTION JUDGE SERVING AT THE**
6 **POLLING PLACE OR EARLY VOTING CENTER.**

7 **(C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
8 **SECTION, INCLUDING:**

9 **(1) METHODS FOR PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE OPTION TO REQUEST**
10 **VOTING ORDER PRIORITY TO VOTERS BEFORE AN ELECTION, AT EACH POLLING**
11 **PLACE ON ELECTION DAY, AND AT EACH EARLY VOTING CENTER DURING EARLY**
12 **VOTING; AND**

13 **(2) TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR ELECTION JUDGES.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2021.