

HOUSE BILL 690

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By: **Delegate Hornberger**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Integrity Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain agent of a voter to be a family member or member
4 of the voter's household to pick up and deliver the voter's absentee ballot; prohibiting
5 a certain campaign volunteer from being designated by a voter as a certain agent to
6 pick up and deliver an absentee ballot; prohibiting a certain agent of a voter from
7 picking up and delivering more than a certain number of absentee ballots during
8 each election; and generally relating to the use of an agent to pick up and deliver
9 absentee ballots.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 9–307
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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16 Article – Election Law
17 Section 9–312
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19 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Election Law**

23 9–307.

24 (a) A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to pick up and
25 deliver an absentee ballot under this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) An agent of the voter under this section:

2 (1) must be at least 18 years old;

3 **(2) MUST BE A FAMILY MEMBER OR MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF**
4 **THE VOTER;**

5 **[(2)] (3)** may not be a **CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEER OF A CANDIDATE ON**
6 **THAT BALLOT OR A** candidate on that ballot;

7 **(4) MAY NOT PICK UP OR DELIVER MORE THAN THREE BALLOTS**
8 **DURING EACH ELECTION;**

9 **[(3)] (5)** shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty
10 of perjury; and

11 **[(4)] (6)** shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot
12 was:

13 (i) delivered to the voter who submitted the application;

14 (ii) marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with
15 assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent's presence; and

16 (iii) returned to the local board by the agent.

17 9–312.

18 Any person who is convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle is
19 subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 2 years or both.

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