

Election related bills introduced for 2024 Legislative session as of 01192024

Bill Number	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status
HB 14 Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: SB0271 By Request of the Governor	Title: Election Law – Revisions Altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State Administrator of Elections to include the names of persons convicted of a felony and currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment; requiring a public official responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain provision of law; etc.	Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
HB 40 Pre-filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0572 Session: 2023 Regular Session	Title: Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits Requiring the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election; authorizing the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after a special general election; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board, in collaboration with the local boards, to conduct an automated software audit after a statewide election; etc.	Delegate Kaiser	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024, January 1, 2025
HB 164 Pre-filed Bill Emergency Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0943 Session: 2023 Regular Session	Title: Election Law - Voter Registration List - Absentee Voters (Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2024) Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections, on request of a candidate, to provide the candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election; and requiring that the list of absentee voters provided include the email address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available.	Delegate R. Long	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB 192 Pre-filed Bill Emergency Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0035 Session:	Title: Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement, or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a	Delegate R. Long	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

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HB 202 Pre-filed Bill Emergency Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0022 Session: 2023 Regular Session	Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and, except under certain circumstances, a witness and the local board verifies the voter's signature; and providing that the witness signature requirement does not apply to active duty uniformed services members serving overseas or their spouses or dependents who live overseas. Bill imposes a local government mandate, which is a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit	Delegate R. Long	In the House - Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB 257 Bill type: Regular Cross-filed with: SB0099	Title: Election Law - Affiliating With a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party.	Delegate Qi	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
HB 261 Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Unemployment Insurance - Benefits - Election Judges Altering the definition of "wages" for purposes of State unemployment insurance law to exclude compensation received for serving as an election judge for a local board of elections in the State; and prohibiting an individual from being denied unemployment benefits for failure to meet certain requirements due to service as an election judge in the State.	Delegates Palakovich Carr, Wilkins, and Charkoudian	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters and Ways and Means Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024
HB 347 Bill type: Regular Cross-filed with: SB0140 Introduced in a prior session	Title: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees – Procedures Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and	Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024

as: HB0563 Session: 2023 Regular Session	voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.		
HB 373 Bill type: Regular Constitutional Bill	Title: Election Law - Voting Age - Board of Education Elections Authorizing the General Assembly to provide by suitable enactment the authority of a county to lower the age at which an individual may vote in an election for members of an elected county board of education; authorizing a county to enact a local law that allows an individual who is at least 16 years of age to vote in an election for members of an elected county board of education; submitting the amendment to the Maryland Constitution to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection; etc.	Delegate Vogel	
HB 412 Bill type: Regular Constitutional Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0417 Session: 2023 Regular Session	Title: General Assembly – Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of the term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election; and requiring the amendment to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.	Delegates Foley, Lehman, Acevero, Attar, Edelson, Fair, Fraser-Hidalgo, Grossman, Guyton, Harris, Hill, Kaufman, R. Lewis, J. Long, Lopez, Love, Palakovich Carr, Qi, Ruth, Shetty, Solomon, Spiegel, Stewart, Vogel, Watson, and Wu	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means
HB 423 Bill type: Regular Introduced in a prior session as: HB0344 Session: 2023 Regular Session	Title: Montgomery County – Voting Methods MC 1–24 Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked choice voting method or an approval voting method for elections for certain local offices; and authorizing the Montgomery County Council to provide for the format of ballots to be used in an election conducted by ranked choice voting or approval voting.	Montgomery County Delegation	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025

<p>SB 16 Pre-filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as: SB0111 Session: 2023 Regular Session.</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance - Draft Committees and Exploratory Committees Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to draft committees and exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for draft and exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the draft committee or exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the draft committee or exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p>SB 23 Pre-filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as: SB0195 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>Title: Orphans' Court Judges – Elections Requiring that candidates for judge of the orphans' court appear on the ballot without party designation.</p>	<p>Senator West</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/11 at 2:30 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024</p>
<p>SB 29 Pre-filed Bill Constitutional Bill</p>	<p>Title: Special Elections - Procedures and General Assembly Vacancies and Ties Requiring that a special election be held to fill a vacancy in the office of or resolve a tie for election as Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly unless the vacancy occurs during the year in which the General Assembly is elected; requiring that a special election to fill a vacancy or resolve a tie be conducted by mail; requiring the State Board of Elections and the local board of elections to each pay 50% of the cost of postage-paid envelopes for a special election; etc. Bill imposes a local government mandate, which is a directive in a bill requiring a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>SB 99 Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0257</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Affiliating with a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party.</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>

<p>SB 115 Pre-filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-filed with: HB0371 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0339 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>Title: Election Law – Recounts – Procedures Requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; and requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count duplicate ballots in a manual recount after a certain review.</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>
<p>SB 140 Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0347 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0366 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>Title: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees – Procedures Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.</p>	<p>Senator Lam</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024</p>
<p>SB 271 Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0014 By Request of the Governor</p>	<p>Title: Election Law – Revisions Altering the information that clerks of the circuit court for each county and administrative clerks for each District Court are required to report to the State Administrator of Elections to include the names of persons convicted of a felony and currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment; requiring a public official responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board of elections for an early voting center to make the building available to the local board in accordance with a certain provision of law; etc.</p>	<p>Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p>SB 291 Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0112</p>	<p>Title: Persons Doing Public Business - Disclosure Requirements Requiring a person to file a registration statement with the State Board of Elections within a certain time period after the award of a contract that causes the person to be doing public business; requiring persons doing public business to update information on beneficial ownership included in the registration statement in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board; altering the time at which a person doing public business is required to file a certain initial statement with the State Board; etc.</p>	<p>Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental -</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2024</p>

		Secretary of State)	By Request of the Governor
SB 372 Bill File Type: Regular Constitutional Bill Introduced in a prior session as: SB0088 Session: 2022 Regular Session	Title: Election Law - Deadline for Selection of Lieutenant Governor Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution by requiring a candidate for Governor in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within 21 days after the primary election; requiring a candidate seeking a nomination for Governor by any method other than a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a declaration of intent to seek nomination; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2024; etc.	Senators Feldman and Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.
SB 417 Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Administration - State Administrator, Local Boards, and Election Directors Requiring the State Board of Elections to evaluate the performance of the State Administrator of Elections; requiring the State Administrator to provide a performance evaluation of the election director of each local board of elections to the local board; requiring each local board to confer with the State Administrator in appointing an election director, maintain a warehouse, and provide for early voting center expenses; requiring, rather than authorizing, election directors to take certain actions; etc.	Senator Hayes	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): July 1, 2024