

Election-related bills introduced for the 2024 Legislative session as of 03152024

Bill Number	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status
<p><u>HB 14</u> Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: SB0271 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; 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; requiring each local board to establish an appeals process regarding requests to use public buildings as early voting centers; etc.</p>	<p>Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)</p>	<p>In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 40</u> Pre-filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0572 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Delegate Kaiser</p>	<p>In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024, January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 164</u> Pre-filed Bill Emergency Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0943 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Delegate R. Long</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>
<p><u>HB 192</u> Pre-filed Bill Emergency Bill Introduced in a prior session as: HB0035 Session</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Delegate R. Long</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>

n: 2023 Regular Session	person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.		
<u>HB 202</u> 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 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<u>HB 257</u> 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
<u>HB 261</u> 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 - Favorable with Amendments Report by Economic Matters Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024
<u>HB 333</u> Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Election Disinformation and Improper Influence Related to Voting Requiring each large social media platform of more than 1,000,000 monthly active users in the United States to make reasonable efforts to prevent, detect, and remove accounts and posts that communicate election disinformation in the State; requiring a large social media platform to report election disinformation by providing certain information to the State Board of Elections within 48 hours after the large social media	Delegates Rosenberg and Wilkins	In the House - Second Reading Passed with Amendments Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024

	platform becomes aware of an account or a post that communicates election disinformation; etc.		
<u>HB 347</u> Bill type: Regular Cross-filed with: SB0140 Introduced in a prior session as: HB0563 Session: 2023 Regular 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 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.	Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith	In the House - Second Reading Passed with Amendments Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024
<u>HB 371</u> Emergency Bill Cross-filed with: SB0115 Introduced in a prior session as: HB0642 Session: 2023 Regular Session Bill File Type: Regular	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.	Delegate Grossman	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<u>HB 373</u> Bill File type: Regular Constitutional Bill Contingency - on enactment of a constitutional amendment and on a referendum	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	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.
<u>HB 412</u> Bill type: Regular Constitutional Bill	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	Delegates Foley, Lehman, Acevero,	In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

<p>Introduced in a prior session as: HB0417 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Contingency - on a referendum</p>
<p><u>HB 423</u> Bill type: Regular Introduced in a prior session as: HB0344 Session: 2023 Regular Session</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Montgomery County Delegation</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 436</u> Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Voter Registration - Age and Notification to Minors Altering, from 16 years old to 15 years and 9 months old, the age at which an individual may register to vote; requiring that a voter notification card sent to an individual under the age of 18 years include information regarding when the individual will be eligible to vote; and requiring the election director in the county where a registered voter under the age of 18 years becomes eligible to vote to send a notice that the voter is eligible to vote and information on the voting methods and locations available to the voter.</p>	<p>Delegates Fair, Acevero, Ebersole, Pasteur, Shetty, Simpson, and Terrasa</p>	<p>In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 459</u> Cross-filed with: SB0417</p>	<p>Election Administration – State Administrator, Local Boards, and Election Directors</p>	<p>Delegate D. Jones</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.</p>

Bill File Type: Regular	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.		Effective Date(s): July 1, 2024
<u>HB 471</u> Emergency Bill Cross-filed with: SB0494 Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Postelection Procedures Altering the records and documents that a board of canvassers is required to investigate under certain circumstances; altering the responsibilities of the State Board of Elections and the Board of State Canvassers regarding the certification of election results; authorizing the members of the Board of State Canvassers to appoint certain designees to serve on the Board of State Canvassers; and altering the responsibilities of the Governor regarding election results.	Delegates Fair and Pruski	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<u>HB 563</u> Bill File Type: Regular 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	Title: Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Language-Related Assistance Requiring the State Board of Elections to determine whether there is a significant and substantial need for language-related assistance in certain languages by a local board of elections during an election based on certain criteria; requiring local boards to provide certain language-related assistance and materials in voting and elections to certain voters in certain languages; and requiring the State Board to establish a telephone interpreter hotline.	Delegate Mireku-North	In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>HB 585</u> By Request of the Governor	Title: Protecting Election Officials Act of 2024 Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election	The Speaker (By Request - Administration	In the Senate - First Reading Education,

<p>Cross-filed with: SB0480 Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.</p>	<p>) and Delegates Allen, Amprey, Anderton, Bagnall, Bartlett, Bhandari, Bofo, Bouchat, Boyce, Charkoudian, Conaway, Crutchfield, Davis, Ebersole, Embry, Fennell, Foley, Fraser-Hidalgo, Grossman, Guyton, Guzone, Harris, Harrison, Henson, Hill, Ivey, Jackson, A. Johnson, S. Johnson, D. Jones, Kaufman, J. Long, Lopez, Love, McCaskill, T. Morgan, Munoz, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Patterson, Phillips, Pruski, Roberson, Roberts, Ruff, Ruth, Simmons, Simpson, Solomon, Spiegel, Stewart, Taveras, Taylor, Toles, Turner,</p>	<p>Energy, and the Environment</p> <p>Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024</p>
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<u>HB 641</u> Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Curbside Voting Requiring each local board of elections, at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election, to designate an outside location for curbside voting, subject to the approval of the State Board; requiring a local board to take into account certain factors when determining a location for curbside voting; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board and local boards to emphasize in communicating with the public and voters that curbside voting is primarily an accommodation for disabled and elderly voters.	Delegates Williams and Wilkins	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>HB 700</u> Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Election Judges – Revisions Requiring the State Board to develop a marketing campaign for use by local boards to recruit individuals to serve as election judges; requiring that a county employee who serves as an election judge during hours that the employee is scheduled to work receive certain administrative leave and certain election judge compensation; authorizing a public school student in the State to both earn hours toward the service-learning graduation requirement and receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge; etc.	Delegates D. Jones and Fair	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024
<u>HB 775</u> Cross-filed with: SB0802 Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Voters With Disabilities - Electronic Ballot Return Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish a process by which an individual with disabilities may return a marked absentee ballot to a local board of elections electronically.	Delegates Feldmark, Atterbeary, Guyton, Guzzone, Hill, Kaiser, Lehman, McCaskill, Pena-Melnyk, Shetty, Simmons, Spiegel, Taveras, Terrasa, Wims, Wu, and Ziegler	In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025

<p><u>HB 800</u></p> <p>Cross-filed with: SB0660 Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2024 – Counties and Municipalities Prohibiting local governments from denying or impairing the right of a protected class member to vote; establishing requirements on the State Board of Elections and local governments related to the provision of language-related assistance in local government elections; requiring the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to review and grant preclearance to certain policies before enactment or implementation; prohibiting acts of intimidation or obstruction that interfere with the right to vote; etc.</p>	<p>Delegate Smith</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 1022</u></p> <p>Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voting Eligibility and Access (Voting Rights for All Act) Establishing requirements regarding the provision of ballot drop boxes and information related to voting to eligible voters by correctional facilities and the State Board of Elections; establishing a Voting Rights Ombudsman for Incarcerated Individuals; altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote; etc.</p>	<p>Delegate Wilkins</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary)</p> <p>Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 1288</u></p> <p>Cross-filed with: SB0605 Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration – Alterations Altering automatic voter registration procedures at the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of automatic voter registration information by the Administration and the Exchange, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board and the Exchange; etc.</p>	<p>Delegate Feldmark</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 1342</u></p> <p>Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Elections – Ballot Questions – Publication of Proposed Laws and Plain Language Summary Requiring the State Board of Elections and each applicable local board of elections to post the complete text and a plain language summary of certain proposed language or enactments relating to certain ballot questions for at least 65 days before the general election; requiring that a statement of purpose of a ballot question be written in plain easily understandable language; and prohibiting the questions from appearing on the ballot unless the proposed language or the enactment has been written.</p>	<p>Delegate Feldmark</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>HB 1489</u></p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballot Application - Sending to Eligible Voters Before Primary Elections</p>	<p>Delegate Wilkins</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 2:00 p.m.</p>

Cross-filed with: SB0824 Bill File Type: Regular	Requiring each local board of elections to send the absentee ballot application approved by the State Board of Elections to each eligible voter at least 60 days before each statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status.		Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>SB 16</u> Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0792 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0111 Session: 2023 Regular Session.	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.	Senator Kagan	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>SB 23</u> Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0677 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0195 Session: 2023 Regular Session	Title: Orphans' Court Judges – Elections Requiring that candidates for judge of the orphans' court appear on the ballot without party designation.	Senator West	In the House - First Reading Judiciary and Ways and Means Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024
<u>SB 29</u> Pre-filed Bill Constitutional Bill Contingency - on a referendum	Title: General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office Requiring 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 a term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs before a certain date. 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	Senator Kagan	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.

<p><u>SB 99</u> 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 - Recommitted to Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senator Kagan)</p> <p>Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>SB 115</u> 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; requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count the voter-verifiable paper record in a manual recount after a certain review; and establishing the process for an automated recount.</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>
<p><u>SB 129</u> Emergency Bill Bill File Type: Pre-Filed</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Election Costs and Administration Requiring that each member of the State Board of Elections receive a stipend as provided in the State budget; requiring the State Administrator of Elections or the procurement officer for the State Board to disclose requests for proposals, invitations for bids, and proposed procurement contracts to the State Board; establishing requirements for invoices for payment sent by the State Board to a local board of elections and payments by a local board to the State Board; etc.</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>
<p><u>SB 140</u> Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0347 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0366 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.</p> <p>Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024</p>

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<u>SB 271</u> Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0014 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 individuals convicted of a felony and sentenced to imprisonment with commitment papers; requiring a certain public official to make a certain building available to a local board of elections for early voting in accordance with a certain provision of law; requiring each local board to establish a certain appeals process; etc.	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>SB 291</u> Pre-filed Bill Cross-filed with: HB0112 By Request of the Governor	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..	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - Secretary of State)	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2024
<u>SB 372</u> 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 Requiring a candidate seeking a nomination for Governor in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within 2 days after certification of 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; etc.	Senators Feldman and Kagan	In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
<u>SB 417</u> Bill File Type: Regular Cross-filed with: HB0459	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	Senator Hayes	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means Effective Date(s): July 1, 2024

	election director, maintain a warehouse, and provide for early voting center expenses; requiring, rather than authorizing, election directors to take certain actions; etc.		
<u>SB 460</u> Cross-filed with: HB0261 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.	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (45-0) Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024
<u>SB 480</u> Cross-filed with: HB0585 Bill File Type: Regular By Request of the Governor	Title: Protecting Election Officials Act of 2024 Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official's role in administering the election process; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or both.	The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Bailey, Beidle, Brooks, Charles, Corderman, Elfreth, Gile, Hettleman, Lam, McKay, Rosapepe, Salling, Waldstreicher, M. Washington, West, and Zucker	In the House - First Reading Judiciary Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024
<u>SB 493</u> Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Elections – Ranked–Choice Voting – Contests for Presidential Nomination in 2028 Requiring that, in the 2028 statewide primary election, each contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States be conducted using ranked-choice voting; and requiring the State Board of Elections to develop and pay the cost of a certain voter education campaign and conduct and pay the cost of a survey of voters after the primary election to gauge the satisfaction of the voters with ranked-choice voting.	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2024

<p><u>SB 494</u> Emergency Bill Cross-filed with: HB0471 Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Postelection Procedures Altering the records and documents that a board of canvassers is required to investigate under certain circumstances; altering the responsibilities of the State Administrator, the State Board of Elections, and the Board of State Canvassers regarding the certification of election results; authorizing the members of the Board of State Canvassers to appoint certain designees to serve on the Board of State Canvassers; and altering the responsibilities of the Governor regarding election results.</p>	<p>Senator <u>Kagan</u></p>	<p>In the House - First Reading Ways and Means Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>
<p><u>SB 495</u> Cross-filed with: HB1343 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0056 Sessio n: 2020 Regular Session Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement Requiring that a certain statement included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about the purpose of a question on the ballot be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by an individual who has attained not higher than a grade 6 level of reading comprehension.</p>	<p>Senator Kagan</p>	<p>In the House - First Reading Ways and Means Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>SB 523</u> Cross-filed with: HB0040 Introduced in a prior session as: HB0572 Sessio n: 2023 Regular Session Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Senator M. Washington</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024, January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>SB 557</u> Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law – Polling Place Procedures – Individual Assisting a Voter Prohibiting an individual assisting a voter in marking or preparing a ballot at a polling place from assisting more than three unrelated voters during an election or from receiving compensation for assisting a voter in marking or preparing the ballot.</p>	<p>Senator Augustine</p>	<p>In the House - First Reading Ways and Means</p>

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<u>SB 605</u> Cross-filed with: HB1088 Introduced in a prior session as: SB0888 Session: 2023 Regular Session Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration – Alterations Altering automatic voter registration procedures at the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of automatic voter registration information by the Administration and the Exchange, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board and the Exchange; etc.	Senator M. Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>SB 660</u> Cross-filed with: HB0800 Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2024 - Counties and Municipalities Prohibiting local governments from denying or impairing the right of a protected class member to vote; establishing requirements on the State Board of Elections and local governments related to the provision of language-related assistance in local government elections; requiring the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to review and grant preclearance to certain policies before enactment or implementation; prohibiting acts of intimidation or obstruction that interfere with the right to vote; etc.	Senator Sydnor	In the Senate - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025
<u>SB 709</u> Bill File Type: Regular	Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Internet-Delivered Absentee Ballot Study Requiring the State Board of Elections to submit a report on the costs and resources required to process Internet-delivered absentee ballots during elections in the State to the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on or before September 1, 2024.	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2024

<p><u>SB 802</u> Cross-filed with: HB0775 Bill File Type: Regular</p>	<p>Title: Election Law - Voters with Disabilities - Electronic Ballot Return Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish a process by which an individual with disabilities may return a marked absentee ballot to a local board of elections electronically.</p>	<p>Senators Brooks, Hettleman, Klausmeier, Salling, Lam, Gile, Muse, and Simonaire</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>
<p><u>SB 824</u> Cross-filed with: HB1489 Bill File Type: Regular Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>	<p>Title: Election Law – Absentee Ballot Application – Sending to Eligible Voters Before Primary Elections Requiring each local board of elections to send the absentee ballot application approved by the State Board of Elections to each eligible voter at least 60 days before each statewide primary election, unless the voter has permanent absentee ballot status. 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 Kramer</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2025</p>