

## HOUSE BILLS - LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025 (updated as of 03/04/2025)

Bill Number	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status
<a href="#">HB0041</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-filed with <a href="#">SB0267</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party – Process</b> Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.	<a href="#">Chair, Ways and Means Committee</a> (By Request – <a href="#">Departmental</a> – <a href="#">State Board of Elections</a> )	<b>In the Senate -</b> First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025 By Request of the Governor
<a href="#">HB0044</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Circuit Court Judges - Nonpartisan Elections</b> Requiring circuit court judges to be elected on a nonpartisan basis; prohibiting a candidate for circuit court judge from being nominated by a political party or by petition; and requiring candidates to be nominated at the primary election in each year that one or more circuit court judges are to be elected.	<a href="#">Delegate Wu</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 pm Judiciary Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0052</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0373</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Voting Age - Board of Education Elections (Your School, Your Voice Act)</b> 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 old 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.	<a href="#">Delegate Vogel</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. Contingency - on enactment of a constitutional amendment and on a referendum

<a href="#">HB0067</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0202</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification</b> 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 verify 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.	Delegates <a href="#">R. Long</a> , <a href="#">Arentz</a> , <a href="#">Beauchamp</a> , <a href="#">Chisholm</a> , <a href="#">Grammer</a> , <a href="#">Hartman</a> , <a href="#">Hornberger</a> , <a href="#">Miller</a> , <a href="#">T. Morgan</a> , <a href="#">Rose</a> , and <a href="#">Tomlinson</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0074</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Legal Advertisement or Legal Notice - Publication in Newspaper or Newspaper in General Circulation - Digital Newspapers</b> Establishing certain requirements for the print or digital publication of legal advertisements and notices in counties and municipalities in the State; requiring digital publications that publish a legal advertisement or notice to maintain a certain digital archive that shall be available to the public; and requiring digital publications that publish a legal advertisement or notice to employ at least one employee whose duties include reporting, writing, or editing local news and information.	<a href="#">Delegate Foley</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0075</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0262</a>	<b>Title: Election Law – Special Elections</b> Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; authorizing the resolution of a county council establishing the date of a special election to fill a vacancy in the county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive to direct that a special primary election not be held and that the vacancy be filled solely through a special general election; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Ways and Means Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental - State Board of Elections</a> )	In the House - Favorable with Amendments Report by Ways and Means Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<a href="#">HB0091</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0192</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity</b> 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 person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.	Delegates <a href="#">R. Long</a> , <a href="#">Arentz</a> , <a href="#">Chisholm</a> , <a href="#">Grammer</a> , <a href="#">Hartman</a> , <a href="#">Miller</a> , <a href="#">T. Morgan</a> , <a href="#">Nawrocki</a> , <a href="#">Rose</a> , <a href="#">Schmidt</a> , <a href="#">Szeliga</a> , and <a href="#">Tomlinson</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025

<a href="#">HB0096</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: General Assembly - Membership, Election Timing for State Senators, and Eligibility</b> Altering the membership of the Senate and House of Delegates beginning with the 2033 legislative session; altering the method and timing of the election of State Senators; requiring a Delegate who seeks election for a certain Senate term to vacate the seat of Delegate on the first day of the next immediately following legislative session; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.	<a href="#">Delegate Bouchat</a>	In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 3:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">HB0111</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0027</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees</b> Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for 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 exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Palakovich Carr</a> and <a href="#">D. Jones</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0115</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0142</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Polling Places - Establishing Voter Identity (Voter Privacy Act of 2025)</b> Authorizing a voter to establish the voter's identity at the request of an election judge at a polling place by presenting the voter's registration card, a valid Maryland driver's license, or any identification card that contains a photograph of the voter and is issued by a political subdivision of the State, the State, the federal government, or any unit of a political subdivision of the State, the State, or the federal government.	Delegate <a href="#">R. Long</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0153</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0436</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Voter Registration - Age and Notification to Minors</b> 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 under a certain provision of law to send a certain notice to the voter.	Delegates <a href="#">Fair, Feldmark, Kaufman, Lehman, Palakovich Carr, Pruski, Ruth, Stewart, and Terrasa</a>	<b>In the Senate -</b> First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0174</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0002</a>	<b>Title: General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office</b> 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	Delegate <a href="#">Foley</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum

Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0412</a> 2024 Regular Session	vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election.		
<a href="#">HB0199</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0257</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters</b> Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.	<a href="#">Chair, Ways and Means Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – State Board of Elections</a> )	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025 By Request of the Governor
<a href="#">HB0201</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross Filed with <a href="#">SB0093</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB1489</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballot Application - Sending to Eligible Voters Before Primary Elections</b> 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.	Delegate <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0203</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0182</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Districting - Single-Member Districts and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention</b> Requiring that each legislative district established for the purpose of electing members of the House of Delegates consist of three single-member delegate districts; requiring the General Assembly to enact a law establishing and governing a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Convention to establish legislative and congressional districts and establishing certain requirements regarding the Redistricting Convention; establishing the Redistricting Convention; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Bouchat</a>	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations Contingency - on a referendum

<a href="#">HB0215</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting in Contests for Presidential Nomination and Certification of Election-Supporting Technology</b> Authorizing the State Board of Elections, beginning with the 2028 statewide primary election, to use ranked-choice voting to conduct a contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election-supporting technology and to periodically review and evaluate election-supporting technology; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Fair, Feldmark, Kaufman, Lehman, Ruth, Stewart, and Terrasa</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0237</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0171</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0140</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees – Procedures</b> 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 <a href="#">Palakovich Carr</a> and <a href="#">Griffith</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0253</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0991</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Pretrial Detainees - Absentee Ballots</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections or the local boards of elections to automatically send an absentee ballot to each registered voter in pretrial detention in a correctional facility without the voter having to submit an absentee ballot application.	Delegate <a href="#">Harris</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0272</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0236</a>	<b>Title: Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization</b> Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to submit certain information to the Secretary of Planning under certain circumstances; altering a requirement that the Department of the Environment submit certain proposals to the Department of Planning under certain circumstances; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing certain population projections; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee</a> (By Request- <a href="#">Departmental - Planning</a> )	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025 By Request of the Governor
<a href="#">HB0274</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0259</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Election Plan Requirements</b> Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing	<a href="#">Chair, Ways and Means Committee</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m.

	requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.	(By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – State Board of Elections</a> )	Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0285</a> Pre-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0164</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Voter Registration List - Absentee Voters (Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2025)</b> 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 e-mail address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available.	Delegate <a href="#">R. Long</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0287</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibition</b> Altering the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office.	Delegate <a href="#">Harris</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0317</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program</b> Establishing the Curbside Voting Pilot Program to test the viability of curbside voting in the State; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Pilot Program by September 1, 2029.	Delegates <a href="#">Williams</a> and <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0322</a> Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0088</a> <a href="#">Amendments Third Text</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - State Administrator of Elections - Municipal Elections</b> Authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipalities that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipality to support the administration of the municipality's elections.	Delegate <a href="#">Wims</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<a href="#">HB0391</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: County Boards of Education - Elections for Members Representing Specific Districts – Alterations</b> Requiring that members of county boards of education from Calvert, Cecil, Garrett, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, and Worcester counties that represent certain districts be elected only by the voters of that district.	Delegates <a href="#">J. Long</a> and <a href="#">Crosby</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025

<a href="#">HB0412</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0337</a> <a href="#">Amendments</a> <a href="#">Third Text</a>	<b>Title: Elections - Local Boards of Elections and Boards of Canvassers - Open Meeting Requirements (Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)</b> Requiring each local board of canvassers to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Korman</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0426</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0313</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0040</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits</b> 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.	Delegates <a href="#">Kaiser</a> and <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0525</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0361</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0978</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition</b> Prohibiting a person from using fraud to influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision; providing that fraud includes the use of synthetic media; and defining "synthetic media" as an image, an audio recording, or a video recording that has been intentionally created or manipulated with the use of generative artificial intelligence or other digital technology to create a realistic but false image, audio recording, or video recording.	Delegates <a href="#">Feldmark</a> , <a href="#">D. Jones</a> , <a href="#">Kaiser</a> , <a href="#">Phillips</a> , <a href="#">Ruth</a> , <a href="#">Watson</a> , <a href="#">Wells</a> , and <a href="#">Woods</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0550</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0769</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Local Public Campaign Financing - Expansion to Additional Offices</b> Authorizing the governing body of a county to establish a system of public campaign financing after the governing body of the county has implemented a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government for at least one complete election cycle for the offices of State's Attorney, sheriff, register of wills, judge of the circuit court, clerk of the circuit court judge of the orphans' court, or an elected member of the county board of education.	Delegate <a href="#">Feldmark</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025



<a href="#">HB0586</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0534</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Election Judges – Compensation</b> Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and 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.	Delegate <a href="#">D. Jones</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0624</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0323</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Statewide Voter Registration Application - Prepaid Postage</b> Requiring that a statewide voter registration application include a return envelope or envelope template with prepaid postage that an applicant may use to return the application to the State Board of Elections; and requiring return envelopes or envelope templates to be preprinted with the address of the State Board for purposes of returning the statewide voter registration application.	Delegate <a href="#">Wells</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0642</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Petition Modernization Act)</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the secure storage and use of voter data from the list of registered voters and specifying procedures and requirements relating to electronic signatures; establishing and altering certain provisions governing the petition process, including provisions regarding the collection and invalidation of signatures, the use of electronic signatures, and attestations by petition circulators; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Ruth</a> , <a href="#">Ebersole</a> , <a href="#">Fair</a> , <a href="#">Forbes</a> , <a href="#">Guyton</a> , <a href="#">Harris</a> , <a href="#">Jackson</a> , <a href="#">Lehman</a> , <a href="#">McCaskill</a> , <a href="#">Pasteur</a> , <a href="#">Phillips</a> , <a href="#">Stein</a> , <a href="#">Terrasa</a> , and <a href="#">White Holland</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0667</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0139</a>	<b>Title: State Government - Legal and Employee Holiday - Maryland Emancipation Day</b> Establishing November 1 as Maryland Emancipation Day and as a State legal holiday and State employee holiday; and repealing the requirement that the Governor declare a certain day as Maryland Emancipation Day.	Delegates <a href="#">Woods</a> , <a href="#">Acevero</a> , <a href="#">Addison</a> , <a href="#">Alston</a> , <a href="#">Bagnall</a> , <a href="#">Boyce</a> , <a href="#">Conaway</a> , <a href="#">Crutchfield</a> , <a href="#">Holme</a> s, <a href="#">Ivey</a> , <a href="#">Kaiser</a> , <a href="#">Kauf</a> man, <a href="#">R. Lewis</a> , <a href="#">J.</a> <a href="#">Long</a> , <a href="#">Martinez</a> , <a href="#">Pa</a> steur, <a href="#">Phillips</a> , <a href="#">Rob</a> erts, <a href="#">Ruff</a> , <a href="#">Ruth</a> , <a href="#">Si</a> mmons, <a href="#">Solomon</a> , <a href="#">Taylor</a> , <a href="#">Terrasa</a> , <a href="#">Val</a>	In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025



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<a href="#">HB0680</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Municipal Elections - Voter Registration - List and Qualifications</b> Requiring each municipality to require voter registration for its elections; and prohibiting an individual from becoming registered to vote in a municipal election if the individual is not a citizen of the United States.	Delegates <a href="#">Grammer</a> , <a href="#">Arikan</a> , <a href="#">Chisholm</a> , <a href="#">Fisher</a> , <a href="#">McComas</a> , <a href="#">M. Morgan</a> , <a href="#">Nawrocki</a> and <a href="#">Szeliga</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0710</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0647</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to provide a certain voter hotline for incarcerated individuals; and 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.	Delegate <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0730</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Online Platforms and Qualifying Paid Digital Communications – Alterations</b> Altering certain requirements relating to online platforms and qualifying paid digital communications; repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing a compliance waiver; and requiring an online platform to make certain records relating to qualifying paid digital communications available for public inspection on the online platform's website rather than to provide the records to the State Board on request.	Delegate <a href="#">M. Morgan</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0733</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Elections for County Boards of Education - Party Designation or Affiliation - Certificates of Candidacy and Ballots</b> Authorizing a candidate for election to a county board of education to disclose the candidate's party designation or party affiliation on the candidate's certificate of candidacy; prohibiting a local board of elections from disqualifying a candidate for election to a county board for disclosing the candidate's party designation or party affiliation; and requiring each local board to include certain information on a ballot under certain circumstances.	Delegates <a href="#">Miller</a> , <a href="#">Arentz</a> , <a href="#">Boafo</a> , <a href="#">Grammer</a> , <a href="#">Hutchinson</a> , <a href="#">Nawrocki</a> , <a href="#">Otto</a> , <a href="#">Roberson</a> , <a href="#">Rose</a> , <a href="#">Schmidt</a> , <a href="#">Szeliga</a> , and <a href="#">Valentine</a>	In the House - <b>Withdrawn by Sponsor</b>
<a href="#">HB0740</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Campaign Materials - Disclosure of Use of Synthetic Media</b> Requiring that candidates, campaign finance entities, and specified other persons, or agents of candidates, campaign finance entities, or specified other persons, that publish, distribute, or disseminate, or cause to be published, distributed, or disseminated, to another person in	Delegates <a href="#">Kaiser</a> , <a href="#">Guyton</a> , <a href="#">McComas</a> , <a href="#">Palakovich</a> , <a href="#">Carr</a> , <a href="#">Pena-</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0872</a> 2024 Regular Session	the State campaign materials that use or contain synthetic media include a specified disclosure in a specified manner; and defining "synthetic media" as an image, an audio recording, or a video recording that has been intentionally manipulated in a certain manner.	<a href="#">Melnyk, Ruth, Schindler, Taveras, Terrasa, Tomlinson, and Turner</a>	Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0778</a> Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Cross Filed with <a href="#">SB0630</a>	<b>Title: Circuit Court Judges - Selection and Retention Elections</b> Proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period during which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.	<a href="#">Chair, Judiciary Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Maryland Judicial Conference</a> )	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. (Judiciary) Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">HB0781</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0066</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place; requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process from elderly voters and voters with disabilities and make immediate adjustments to the process; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Roberts, Davis, Fennell, J. Long, Martinez, Roberson, Schmidt, Taylor, Vogel, and Woods</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0816</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0615</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures</b> Altering the information that is required to be included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and with a question on the ballot; requiring that a certain summary included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about a question on the ballot be written in plain language; altering the deadline by which ballot questions must be prepared and certified; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Feldmark, Bartlett, Embry, Guzzone, and Hill</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0839</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0543</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Provisional Ballots - Nonpartisan Board of Education Contests</b> Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.	Delegate <a href="#">Roberson</a>	In the House - Favorable Report by Ways and Means Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025

<a href="#">HB0890</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Primary Elections - Change of Political Party Affiliation</b> Authorizing a voter to change the voter's political party affiliation at an early voting center or precinct polling place during a primary election and vote the ballot for the voter's new political party affiliation.	Delegates <a href="#">Bouchat</a> and <a href="#">Hornberger</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0906</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0633</a>	<b>Title: Campaign Finance - Political Organizations - Disclosures on Solicitations (Stop Scam PACs Act)</b> Requiring certain political organizations to include certain disclaimers and statements on certain solicitations; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to investigate a potential violation of the Act; and authorizing the State Board after the issuance of a public report of its findings to prohibit a person who violated the Act from making further solicitations for a certain period or impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.	Delegate <a href="#">Palakovich Carr</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0945</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0645</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Gubernatorial Primary Election – Date</b> Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.	Delegate <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB0983</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0685</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0563</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Language-Related Assistance</b> 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 local boards to make reasonable efforts to recruit election judges who are fluent in certain languages.	Delegates <a href="#">Mireku-North</a> and <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB1042</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Duly Authorized Agents</b> Requiring that certain information regarding the use of an agent to pick up and deliver absentee ballots be conspicuously displayed on each specimen ballot; and prohibiting a candidate's representative from being a duly authorized agent for the purpose of picking up and delivering an absentee ballot for a registered voter.	Delegate <a href="#">Roberts</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025

<a href="#">HB1043</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2025 - Voter Suppression and Vote Dilution</b> Altering public notice requirements of the State Board of Elections, local boards of elections, and certain municipal corporations with respect to changes in administrative policy affecting voting rights; prohibiting local governments from taking any action related to the election process that results in a disparity between members of a protected class and other members of the electorate or that would deny or impair the right of a protected class member to vote; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Smith</a> , <a href="#">R. Lewis</a> , and <a href="#">Palakovich Carr</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB1044</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2025 - Preclearance and Voter Intimidation and Obstruction</b> Requiring the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to review and grant preclearance to certain policies before enactment or implementation; authorizing certain persons to file an action if the Attorney General or the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County fails to properly carry out certain provisions of the Act; and prohibiting acts of intimidation or obstruction that interfere with the right to vote.	Delegates <a href="#">Smith</a> , <a href="#">R. Lewis</a> , and <a href="#">Palakovich Carr</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB1094</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0423</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Montgomery County - Voting Methods MC 9-25</b> 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.	<a href="#">Montgomery County Delegation</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB1097</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0929</a>	<b>Title: Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility</b> Establishing the Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility to examine current processes in the State relating to mail-in ballot return, assessing the impact on voters with disabilities, collect information about current practices for accessible alternatives to paper mail-in ballot return, and evaluate the alternatives for individuals with disabilities; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.	Delegates <a href="#">Feldmark</a> , <a href="#">Atterbeary</a> , <a href="#">Fennell</a> , <a href="#">E orbes</a> , <a href="#">Guzzone</a> , <a href="#">Hill</a> , <a href="#">Jackson</a> , <a href="#">Kaiser</a> , <a href="#">K aufman</a> , <a href="#">Lehman</a> , <a href="#">J. Long</a> , <a href="#">McCaskill</a> , <a href="#">Pena-Melnyk</a> , <a href="#">Roberts</a> , <a href="#">Schindler</a> , <a href="#">Schmidt</a> , <a href="#">Shetty</a> , <a href="#">Simmons</a> , <a href="#">Spiegel</a> , <a href="#">Taveras</a> , <a href="#">Terrasa</a> , <a href="#">Wims</a> , <a href="#">Wu</a> , and <a href="#">Ziegler</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025

<a href="#">HB1110</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Individuals Released from State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration</b> Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to transmit a list that includes the name and new residential address of individuals released from incarceration at a State correctional facility to the State Board of Elections on a weekly basis; and requiring the State Board to automatically restore the voter registration of certain individuals released from State correctional facilities who were registered to vote in the State before being incarcerated.	Delegate <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB1113</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB1088</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Enhanced Automatic Voter Registration System</b> Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement an enhanced automatic voter registration system on or before July 1, 2026; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of enhanced automatic voter registration information by the Administration, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board; authorizing the State Board to implement certain enhanced automatic voter registration at certain agencies with their consent; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Feldmark</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">HB1280</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0257</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Affiliating With a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters</b> Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a ballot for the voter's preferred political party.	Delegates <a href="#">Qi</a> , <a href="#">Guyton</a> , <a href="#">Ruth</a> , <a href="#">Taveras</a> , and <a href="#">Wu</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025

## SENATE BILLS - LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025 (updated as of 03/04/2025)

Bill Number	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status
<a href="#">SB0002</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0174</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0412</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office</b> 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.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">SB0018</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Early Voting - Number of Days</b> Changing the number of days on which early voting centers are required to be open before a primary or general election by requiring early voting centers to be open through the second Monday, rather than the Thursday, before the election.	Senator <a href="#">Muse</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0027</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0111</a> <a href="#">Amendments</a> <a href="#">Third Text</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees</b> Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for 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 exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0066</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0781</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place; requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process from elderly voters and voters with disabilities and make immediate adjustments to the process; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Ellis</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025

<a href="#">SB0088</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-filed with <a href="#">HB0322</a> <a href="#">Amendment 1</a> <a href="#">Amendment 2</a> <a href="#">Third Text</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - State Administrator of Elections - Municipal Elections</b> Authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipalities that allow the State Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipality to support the administration of the municipality's elections.	Senators <a href="#">Kagan</a> , <a href="#">Augustine, Brooks</a> , and <a href="#">Carozza</a>	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<a href="#">SB0093</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0201</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0824</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballot Application - Sending to Eligible Voters Before Primary Elections</b> 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.	Senator <a href="#">Kramer</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0139</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0667</a>	<b>Title: State Government - Legal and Employee Holiday - Maryland Emancipation Day</b> Establishing November 1 as Maryland Emancipation Day and as a State legal holiday and State employee holiday; and repealing the requirement that the Governor declare a certain day as Maryland Emancipation Day.	Senator <a href="#">Ellis</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0171</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0237</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0347</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees – Procedures</b> 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.	Senator <a href="#">Lam</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025



<a href="#">SB0236</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0272</a>	<b>Title: Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization</b> Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to submit certain information to the Secretary of Planning under certain circumstances; altering a requirement that the Department of the Environment submit certain proposals to the Department of Planning under certain circumstances; altering certain requirements related to the Department of Planning preparing certain population projections; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – Planning</a> )	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0257</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0199</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Notice to Permanent Absentee Voters</b> Altering the time before an election when a certain notice is required to be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list; repealing a requirement that the notice be sent to each voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list as of a certain date; and altering the action the State Board of Elections is required to take if the State Board is unable to contact a voter who is on the permanent absentee ballot list using the method of communication chosen by the voter.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – State Board of Elections</a> )	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0259</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0274</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Election Plan Requirements</b> Requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the State Board of Elections for approval at least 7 months before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan; and altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and early voting center plans.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – State Board of Elections</a> )	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025 By Request of the Governor
<a href="#">SB0262</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0075</a> <a href="#">Amendments</a> <a href="#">Third Text</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Special Elections</b> Altering requirements for scheduling special elections to fill vacancies in a county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive; authorizing the resolution of a county council establishing the date of a special election to fill a vacancy in the county council or in the office of chief executive officer or county executive to direct that a special primary election not be held and that the vacancy be filled solely through a special general election; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – State Board of Elections</a> )	In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

<a href="#">SB0267</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0041</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Petitions for the Formation of a New Political Party – Process</b> Altering the time periods during which a petition for the formation of a new political party or additional signatures to a petition may not be filed; and prohibiting signatures submitted with a petition that was officially determined as not meeting certain legal requirements from being resubmitted with a subsequent petition.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental – State Board of Elections</a> )	In the Senate - Second Reading Passed Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0308</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law – Chief Election Judges – Party Affiliation</b> Requiring the election director of a local board of elections to designate chief election judges from certain political parties to each polling place except under certain circumstances; and requiring an election director who is unable to designate chief judges for a polling place at least 45 days before the start of early voting to make a certain designation in a certain manner.	Senator <a href="#">Simonaire</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0313</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0426</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0523</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits</b> 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.	Senator <a href="#">M. Washington</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0323</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0624</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Statewide Voter Registration Application - Prepaid Postage</b> Requiring that a statewide voter registration application include a return envelope or envelope template with prepaid postage that an applicant may use to return the application to the State Board of Elections; requiring a statewide voter registration application to be accompanied by certain instructions for postage; and requiring the return envelopes or envelope templates to be preprinted with the address of the State Board for purposes of the returning the statewide voter registration application.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025

<a href="#">SB0337</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0412</a>	<b>Title: Elections - Local Boards of Elections and Boards of Canvassers - Open Meeting Requirements (Local Boards of Elections Transparency Act)</b> Requiring each local board of canvassers to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0342</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0413</a> 2022 Regular Session	<b>Title: Voting Rights Act of 2025 - Counties and Municipalities</b> Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the outcome of an election by diluting or abridging the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.	Senator <a href="#">Sydnor</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0361</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0525</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud – Prohibition</b> Prohibiting a person from using fraud to influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision; and providing that fraud includes the use of synthetic media.	Senator <a href="#">Hester</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0383</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0215</a>	<b>Title: Elections - Ranked-Choice Voting in Contests for Presidential Nomination and Certification of Election-Supporting Technology</b> Authorizing the State Board of Elections, beginning with the 2028 statewide primary election, to use ranked-choice voting to conduct a contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election-supporting technology and to periodically review and evaluate election-supporting technology; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0534</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0586</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Election Judges – Compensation</b> Requiring a local board of elections to pay an election judge compensation for completing a certain course of instruction only after the election judge actually serves an election day or early voting day; and 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.	Senators <a href="#">Kagan</a> and <a href="#">Gallion</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025

<a href="#">SB0543</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0839</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Provisional Ballots - Nonpartisan Board of Education Contests</b> Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0615</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0816</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures</b> Altering the information that is required to be included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and with a question on the ballot; requiring that a certain summary included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about a question on the ballot be written in plain language; altering the deadline by which ballot questions must be prepared and certified; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0630</a> Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0778</a>	<b>Title: Circuit Court Judges - Selection and Retention Elections</b> Proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period during which the terms of certain amendments are to become effective; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.	<a href="#">Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Maryland Judicial Conference</a> )	In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">SB0633</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0906</a>	<b>Title: Campaign Finance - Political Organizations - Disclosures on Solicitations (Stop Scam PACs Act)</b> Requiring certain political organizations to include certain disclaimers and statements on certain solicitations; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to investigate a potential violation of the Act; and authorizing the State Board after the issuance of a public report of its finding to prohibit a person who violated the Act from making further solicitations for a certain period or impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0645</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0945</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Gubernatorial Primary Election – Date</b> Altering, from the last Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in June, the date for the primary election in the year of the gubernatorial election.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025

<a href="#">SB0647</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0710</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to provide a certain voter hotline for incarcerated individuals; and 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.	Senator <a href="#">Muse</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0685</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0983</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Language-Related Assistance</b> 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 local boards to make reasonable efforts to recruit election judges who are fluent in certain languages.	Senator <a href="#">Augustine</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0838</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification</b> 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 verify 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.	Senators <a href="#">Mautz</a> , <a href="#">Bailey</a> , <a href="#">Carozza</a> , <a href="#">Hershey</a> , <a href="#">Jennings</a> , and <a href="#">Ready</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0929</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB1097</a>	<b>Title: Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility</b> Establishing the Workgroup on Mail-In Ballot Accessibility to examine current processes in the State relating to mail-in ballot return, assessing the impact on voters with disabilities, collect information about current practices for accessible alternatives to paper mail-in ballot return, and evaluate the alternatives for individuals with disabilities; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2025.	Senators <a href="#">Brooks</a> , <a href="#">West</a> , and <a href="#">Muse</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2025
<a href="#">SB0991</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0253</a>	<b>Title: Election Law – Pretrial Detainees – Absentee Ballots</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections or the local boards of elections to automatically send an absentee ballot to each registered voter in pretrial detention in a correctional facility without the voter having to submit an absentee ballot application.	Senator <a href="#">Watson</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules Effective Date(s): July 1, 2025

<a href="#">SB0996</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0913</a> 2024 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Approval Voting - Authorization for County Elections</b> Authorizing the governing body of a county to adopt, by law, an approval voting method for elections for offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government; defining "approval voting" as a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters may choose any number of candidates and the candidate chosen most often is elected; and requiring a local law enacted under the provisions of the Act to provide for an educational campaign explaining how to vote using approval voting.	Senator <a href="#">McKay</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules No Effective Date Provided.
<a href="#">SB1014</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0287</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibition</b> Altering the application of provisions of law that prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office.	Senator <a href="#">Watson</a>	In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules Effective Date(s): October 1, 2025