

## HOUSE BILLS - LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026 (updated as of 1.28.2026)

Bill #/xf	Synopsis	Sponsor(s)	Status
<a href="#">HB0044</a> Pre-Filed Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0029</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0816</a> 2025 Regular Session	<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; requiring certain boards of elections to post the text of ballot measures for at least 90 days before the general election; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Feldmark</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB0050</a> Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0005</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0174</a> 2025 Regular Session	<b>Title: General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office</b> Proposing a Constitutional Amendment 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 on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election that is held in the second year of the term.	Delegate <a href="#">Foley</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">HB0052</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0089</a> Introduced in a prior session as <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 toll-free voter hotline for incarcerated individuals to receive information about voting, request election-related materials, and report voting rights violations; 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 - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

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<a href="#">HB0115</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0241</a>	<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; 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; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Wilkins</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB0145</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0141</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes</b> Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to take certain actions if the State Administrator receives a credible report that election misinformation or election disinformation, including a deepfake, has been or is being communicated, disseminated, or distributed; requiring the Administrator to communicate correct information to the public; prohibiting a person, under certain circumstances, from knowingly or with reckless disregard using or disseminating a deepfake to produce materially false information; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Feldmark</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB0156</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0132</a> 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 provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party; and requiring an election judge to determine whether the voter resides in the county in which the voter seeks to vote.	Delegates <a href="#">Fair</a> , <a href="#">Pasteur</a> , <a href="#">Ruth</a> , and <a href="#">Wu</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

<a href="#">HB0157</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0065</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0111</a> 2025 Regular Session	<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 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<a href="#">HB0182</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-filed with: <a href="#">SB0237</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Presidential Electors - Selection and Voting</b> Altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees and alternate presidential elector nominees; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; altering the procedures for the meeting of presidential electors; and establishing procedures for the preparation, delivery, signing, and transmission of an amended certificate of ascertainment after the vote of the State's presidential electors under certain circumstances.	Delegate <a href="#">Stein</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026 Contingency – on a contingency described in Sec. ?? of the bill
<a href="#">HB0206</a> Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0096</a> 2025 Regular Session	<b>Title: General Assembly - Membership, Election Timing for State Senators, and Eligibility</b> Altering the membership of the Senate and the House of Delegates beginning with the 2033 legislative session; altering the method and timing of the election of State Senators; and 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.	Delegate <a href="#">Bouchat</a>	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">HB0207</a> Pre-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Certificate of Candidacy for Congressional Offices - Stock Trading Activities (Congressional Stock Trading Transparency Act)</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to include the option on the certificate of candidacy form for candidates for congressional offices to indicate that, if elected, the candidate and the candidate's spouse will not engage in certain stock trading activities during the candidate's	Delegate <a href="#">Vogel</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

	term of office; and requiring the State Board to publish on its website information concerning candidates for congressional offices who make that indication.		
<a href="#">HB0219</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill	<b>Title: Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Voter Intimidation and Suppression</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 acts of intimidation, deception, or obstruction that interfere with the right to vote; 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; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Smith</a>	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment Bill imposes a local government mandate
<a href="#">HB0221</a> Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Primary Elections - Change of Political Party Affiliation</b> Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing a voter to change the voter's political party affiliation at an early voting center or a 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 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum and enactment of a constitutional amendment
<a href="#">HB0263</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0100</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Bus Stops</b> Requiring buses operating on fixed local routes funded by a county or municipal corporation and operated by a county or municipal corporation or a contractor for a county or municipal corporation to allow passengers to embark and disembark at the entrance of early voting centers located within one-half mile of the route.	<a href="#">Chair,</a> <a href="#">Government,</a> <a href="#">Labor,</a> and <a href="#">Elections</a> <a href="#">Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental</a> - <a href="#">S</a> <a href="#">tate Board of</a> <a href="#">Elections</a> ) By Request of the Governor	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

<a href="#">HB0267</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0153</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Oversight and Control of Campaign Funds</b> Altering the manner in which the chair of a campaign finance entity is appointed; providing that the treasurer is the financial steward of a campaign finance entity; altering requirements for assets received by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity and disbursements made by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity; repealing the authority of the chair of a campaign finance entity to approve a disbursement on behalf of the campaign finance entity under certain circumstances; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental - State Board of Elections</a> ) By Request of the Governor	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB0333</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0237</a> 2025 Regular Session	<b>Title: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committee – 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 - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB0350</a> Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">SB0255</a>	<b>Title: Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations</b> Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or the member's ability to influence the outcome of an election as a result of the dilution or the abridgement of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.	Delegates <a href="#">Wims, Behler, Boyce, Chang, Coley, Conaway, Crutchfield, Fair, Feldmark, Fraser-Hidalgo, Hill, A. Jones, Kaiser, Kaufman, Lehman, J. Long, Lopez, Mireku-North, Moon, Moreno, Odom, Palakovich Carr, Pasteur, Phillips, Pruski, Roberson, Ruth, Simmons, Stinnett, Taveras</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

		, <a href="#">Taylor</a> , <a href="#">Terrasa</a> , <a href="#">Toles</a> , <a href="#">Turner</a> , <a href="#">Wilkins</a> , <a href="#">Williams</a> , <a href="#">Woorman</a> , and <a href="#">Young</a>	
<a href="#">HB0357</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Municipalities - Election Dates - Reporting Requirements</b> Requiring each municipality to report municipal election dates to the State Board of Elections not less than 6 months before each regular election and within 5 business days after a special election is scheduled; and requiring the State Board, each local board of elections, and each municipality that has a website to display certain information relating to municipal elections on their websites.	Delegate <a href="#">Palakovich Carr</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB0454</a> Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Voter Registration Eligibility - U.S. Citizenship Verification (SAVE Our Elections Act of 2026)</b> Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to enroll the State in the federal Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) Program for a certain purpose; requiring the State Board of Elections to establish a process to verify the U.S. citizenship of certain individuals applying to or who have registered to vote in the State; and requiring the State Board to establish a certain appeal process for certain individuals who dispute a certain report that the individual lacks U.S. citizenship.	Delegates <a href="#">Hornberger</a> , <a href="#">Adams</a> , <a href="#">Anderson</a> , <a href="#">Arentz</a> , <a href="#">Baker</a> , <a href="#">Beauchamp</a> , <a href="#">Bouchat</a> , <a href="#">Buckel</a> , <a href="#">Ciliberti</a> , <a href="#">Ghrist</a> , <a href="#">Griffith</a> , <a href="#">Hartman</a> , <a href="#">Hinebaugh</a> , <a href="#">Howard</a> , <a href="#">Hutchinson</a> , <a href="#">Jacobs</a> , <a href="#">Kipke</a> , <a href="#">R.Long</a> , <a href="#">Mangione</a> , <a href="#">McComas</a> , <a href="#">Miller</a> , <a href="#">T.Morgan</a> , <a href="#">Nkongolo</a> , <a href="#">Pippy</a> , <a href="#">Reilly</a> , <a href="#">Rose</a> , <a href="#">Schmidt</a> , <a href="#">Tomlinson</a> , <a href="#">Valentine</a> , and <a href="#">Wivell</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<a href="#">HB0462</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0091</a> 2025 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 non-government-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="#">Adams</a> , <a href="#">Anderson</a> , <a href="#">Arentz</a> , <a href="#">Baker</a> , <a href="#">Beauchamp</a> , <a href="#">Bouchat</a> , <a href="#">Buckel</a> , <a href="#">Ciliberti</a> , <a href="#">Ghrist</a> , <a href="#">Griffith</a> , <a href="#">Hartman</a> , <a href="#">Hineb</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

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<a href="#">HB0482</a> Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	<b>Title: Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission (Fair Districts for Maryland Act)</b> Altering certain standards for the drawing of legislative districts; establishing standards for the drawing of congressional districts; establishing the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission as an independent unit of State government to divide the State into certain legislative districts and congressional districts subject to certain requirements and procedures; etc.	Delegates <a href="#">Buckel</a> , <a href="#">Pippy</a> , <a href="#">Adams</a> , <a href="#">Anderson</a> , <a href="#">Arentz</a> , <a href="#">Baker</a> , <a href="#">Beauchamp</a> , <a href="#">Chisholm</a> , <a href="#">Griffith</a> , <a href="#">Hartman</a> , <a href="#">Hinebaugh</a> , <a href="#">Hornberger</a> , <a href="#">Hutchinson</a> , <a href="#">Jacobs</a> , <a href="#">Kipke</a> , <a href="#">R. Long</a> , <a href="#">Mangione</a> , <a href="#">McComas</a> , <a href="#">Metzgar</a> , <a href="#">Miller</a> , <a href="#">T. Morgan</a> , <a href="#">Nkongolo</a> , <a href="#">Reilly</a> , <a href="#">Rose</a> , <a href="#">Schmidt</a> , <a href="#">Tomlinson</a> , <a href="#">Valentine</a> , and <a href="#">Wivell</a>	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 3:00 p.m. (Rules) Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">HB0488 Amendments</a> Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	<b>Title: Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress</b> Clarifying that certain requirements apply only to districts for the election of members of the Senate of Maryland and the House of Delegates; authorizing the General Assembly to grant original jurisdiction to the Supreme Court of Maryland to review the congressional districting of the State; and altering districts for the election of Representatives in Congress for elections in 2026 and any election held after the 2026 election through the effective date of a districting plan adopted after the 2030 decennial census.	Delegates <a href="#">Wilson</a> , <a href="#">Addison</a> , <a href="#">Allen</a> , <a href="#">Bartlett</a> , <a href="#">Behler</a> , <a href="#">Boaffo</a> , <a href="#">Chang</a> , <a href="#">Coley</a> , <a href="#">Crutchfield</a> , <a href="#">Cullison</a> , <a href="#">Davis</a> , <a href="#">Ebersole</a> , <a href="#">Embry</a> , <a href="#">Fair</a> , <a href="#">Foley</a> , <a href="#">F</a>	Favorable with Amendments Adopted, Motion Special Order until 01/29 (Delegate Buckel) Adopted

		<a href="#">orbes</a> , <a href="#">Guzzone</a> , <a href="#">Harrison</a> , <a href="#">Healey</a> , <a href="#">Ivey</a> , <a href="#">Kaufman</a> , <a href="#">Korman</a> , <a href="#">J.Long</a> , <a href="#">Martinez</a> , <a href="#">MirekuNorth</a> , <a href="#">Moon</a> , <a href="#">Moreno</a> , <a href="#">Odom</a> , <a href="#">Palakovich</a> , <a href="#">Carr</a> , <a href="#">Pasteur</a> , <a href="#">Patterson</a> , <a href="#">PenaMelnyk</a> , <a href="#">Phillips</a> , <a href="#">Roberts</a> , <a href="#">Ruff</a> , <a href="#">Ruth</a> , <a href="#">Simpson</a> , <a href="#">Spiegel</a> , <a href="#">Stein</a> , <a href="#">Stinnett</a> , <a href="#">Taylor</a> , <a href="#">Tolles</a> , <a href="#">White</a> , <a href="#">Holland</a> , <a href="#">Wilkins</a> , <a href="#">Wims</a> , <a href="#">Wolek</a> , and <a href="#">Woorman</a>	Contingency - on a referendum
<a href="#">HB0496</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Unaffiliated Voters - Open Primary Elections</b> Authorizing a voter unaffiliated with a political party to vote the ballot for unaffiliated voters or the ballot of the political party of the voter's choice in a primary election; and prohibiting a voter unaffiliated with a political party who votes the ballot of a political party in a primary election from automatically becoming affiliated with the political party whose ballot the voter voted.	Delegates <a href="#">Qi</a> and <a href="#">Schmidt</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB0499</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB0642</a> 2025 Regular Session	<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="#">Guyton</a> , <a href="#">Hill</a> , <a href="#">Lewis</a> , <a href="#">J.Long</a> , <a href="#">McCaskill</a> , <a href="#">Moreno</a> , <a href="#">Ruff</a> , <a href="#">Terrasa</a> , and <a href="#">White Holland</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027



<a href="#">HB0565</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: County Boards of Education - Elections - District Voting (Fair Representation Act)</b> Requiring an election of members of the Calvert County, Cecil County, Garrett County, Montgomery County, Queen Anne's County, and St. Mary's County boards of education who represent a specific district to be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district.	Delegate <a href="#">J. Long</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
<a href="#">HB0580</a> Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">HB1094</a> 2025 Regular Session	<b>Title: Montgomery County - Voting Methods MC 1-26</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.	Montgomery County Delegation	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
<a href="#">HB0584</a> Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	<b>Title: Clean Maryland Democracy Amendment</b> Guaranteeing equal voting rights for all eligible voters; establishing that the people of Maryland have the right to elections that are free from improper foreign influence, undisclosed funding, and undue domination by large corporate interests; prohibiting the State, counties, and municipal corporations from denying, diluting, or abridging the right to vote based on certain protected classes; requiring the General Assembly to provide by law for a Maryland Voting Rights Act to protect the right to vote; etc.	Delegate <a href="#">Stewart</a>	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Contingency - on a referendum
<b>SENATE BILLS - LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026 (updated as of 1.28.2026)</b>			
<b>Bill #/xf</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>	<b>Sponsor(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB0005</a> Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	<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	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m.

<p>Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0050</a>  Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0002</a>  2025 Regular Session</p>	<p>of a 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 that is held in the second year of the term; etc.</p>		<p><a href="#">Education, Energy, and the Environment</a>  Contingency - on a referendum</p>
<p><a href="#">SB0011</a>  Pre-Filed Bill  Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0260</a></p>	<p><b>Title: Public Financing Act - Fair Campaign Financing Fund – Distributions</b>  Altering, from January 1 of the year of the election to July 1 of the year before the election, the earliest date on which the State Board of Elections may begin making distributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; etc.</p>	<p><a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request  - <a href="#">Departmental - State Board of Elections</a>)  By Request of the Governor</p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.  Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026</p>
<p><a href="#">SB0029</a>  Pre-Filed Bill  Cross-filed with <a href="#">HB0044</a>  Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0615</a>  2025 Regular Session</p>	<p><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; requiring certain boards of elections to post the text of ballot measures for at least 90 days before the general election; etc.</p>	<p>Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a></p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m.  Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026</p>
<p><a href="#">SB0065</a>  Pre-Filed Bill  Emergency Bill  Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0157</a>  Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0027</a></p>	<p><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.</p>	<p>Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a></p>	<p>In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m.  Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment</p>

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<a href="#">SB0073</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Introduced in a prior session as <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, as part of the training program for election judges, to include instruction on best practices for assisting elderly voters and voters with disabilities; requiring the Board 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; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Ellis</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment Bill imposes a local government mandate.
<a href="#">SB0089</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0052</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0647</a> 2025 Regular Session	<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 toll-free voter hotline for incarcerated individuals to receive information about voting, request election-related materials, and report voting rights violations; 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 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB0091</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0265</a>	<b>Title: State Board of Elections - Address Confidentiality Program - Designation of Contact Person</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to designate a contact person for the Address Confidentiality Program; providing that the contact person acts as the contact for inquiries about the Program from local boards of elections and Program participants on matters related to the implementation of the Address Confidentiality Program; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental - Secretary of State</a> ) By Request of the Governor	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
<a href="#">SB0100</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0263</a>	<b>Title: Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Bus Stops</b> Requiring buses operating on fixed local routes funded by a county or municipal corporation and operated by the county or municipal corporation or a contractor for	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

	the county or municipal corporation to allow passengers to embark and disembark at the entrance of early voting centers located within one-half mile of the route.	Request - <a href="#">Departmental - State Board of Elections</a> ) By Request of the Governor	Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB0132</a> Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-filed with <a href="#">HB0156</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0099</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 provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party; and requiring an election judge to determine whether the voter resides in the county in which the voter seeks to vote.	Senators <a href="#">Kagan</a> and <a href="#">Rosapepe</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
<a href="#">SB0141</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-filed with <a href="#">HB0145</a> Introduced in a prior session as <a href="#">SB0361</a> 2025 Regular Session	<b>Title: Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes</b> Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to take certain actions if the State Administrator receives a credible report that election misinformation or election disinformation, including a deepfake, has been or is being communicated, disseminated, or distributed; requiring the Administrator to communicate correct information to the public; prohibiting a person, under certain circumstances, from knowingly or with reckless disregard using or disseminating a deepfake to produce materially false information; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Hester</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
<a href="#">SB0153</a> Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0267</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Oversight and Control of Campaign Funds</b> Altering the manner in which the chair of a campaign finance entity is appointed; providing that the treasurer is the financial steward of a campaign finance entity; altering requirements for assets received by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity and disbursements made by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity; repealing the authority of the chair of a campaign finance entity to approve a disbursement on behalf of the campaign finance entity under certain circumstances; etc.	<a href="#">Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee</a> (By Request - <a href="#">Departmental - State Board of Elections</a> )	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

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<a href="#">SB0236</a> Regular-Filed Bill	<b>Title: Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation</b> Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election-supporting technology and to review and evaluate election-supporting technology on or before January 1 each year; and requiring that the regulations be adopted by December 1, 2026.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
<a href="#">SB0237</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0182</a>	<b>Title: Election Law - Presidential Electors - Selection and Voting</b> Altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees and alternate presidential elector nominees; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; altering the procedures for the meeting of presidential electors; and establishing procedures for the preparation, delivery, signing, and transmission of an amended certificate of ascertainment after the vote of the State's presidential electors under certain circumstances.	Senator <a href="#">Kagan</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
<a href="#">SB0241</a> Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0115</a>	<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; 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; etc.	Senator <a href="#">Augustine</a>	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
<a href="#">SB0255</a> Regular-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with <a href="#">HB0350</a>	<b>Title: Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations</b> Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation 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 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment