HOUSE BILLS - LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2026 (updated as of 3.12.2026)

Bill #/xf	Synopsis	Sponsor(s)	Status
HB0044 Pre-Filed Cross-Filed with SB0029 Introduced in a prior session as HB0816 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures** 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 Feldmark	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
HB0050 Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Cross-Filed with SB0005 Introduced in a prior session as HB0174 2025 Regular Session	**Title: General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office** 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 Foley	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
HB0052 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0089 Introduced in a prior session as HB0710	**Title: Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)** 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 Wilkins	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

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HB0115 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0241	**Title: Election Law - Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration** 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 Wilkins	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB0145 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0141	**Title: Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes** 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 communication 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 Feldmark	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
HB0156 Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with SB0132 Introduced in a prior session as HB0257 2024 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Affiliating With a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters** Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party; and requiring an election judge to determine whether the voter resides in the county in which the voter seeks to vote.	Delegates Fair, Pasteur, Ruth, and Wu	Third Reading Passed Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

HB0157 Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with SB0065 Introduced in a prior session as HB0111 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees** 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 Palakovich Carr and D. Jones	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB0182 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-filed with: SB0237	**Title: Election Law - Presidential Electors - Selection and Voting** 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 Stein	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026 Contingency – on a contingency described in Sec. ?? of the bill
HB0206 Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB0096 2025 Regular Session	**Title: General Assembly - Membership, Election Timing for State Senators, and Eligibility** 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 Bouchat	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations Contingency - on a referendum
HB0207 Pre-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Certificate of Candidacy for Congressional Offices - Stock Trading Activities (Congressional Stock Trading Transparency Act)** 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	Delegate Vogel	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:00 p.m.

	candidate's spouse will not engage in certain stock trading activities during the candidate's term of office; and requiring the State Board to publish on its website information concerning candidates for congressional offices who make that indication.		Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB0219 Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill	**Title: Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Voter Intimidation and Suppression** 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 Smith	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment Bill imposes a local government mandate
HB0221 Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	**Title: Election Law - Primary Elections - Change of Political Party Affiliation** 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 Bouchat and Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum and enactment of a constitutional amendment
HB0263 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0100	**Title: Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Bus Stops** 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.	Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections) By Request of the Governor	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB0267 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0153	**Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Oversight and Control of Campaign Funds** 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.	Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections) By Request of the Governor	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB0333 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB0237 2025 Regular Session	**Title: General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committee – Procedures** Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.	Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith	n the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
HB0350 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0255	**Title: Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations** 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 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	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

		, Taylor, Terrasa, Toles, Turner, Wilkins, Williams, Woorman, and Young	
HB0357 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Municipalities - Election Dates - Reporting Requirements** 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 Palakovich Carr	3/10 Second Reading passed with Amendments Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
HB0454 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Voter Registration Eligibility - U.S. Citizenship Verification (SAVE Our Elections Act of 2026)** 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 Hornberger, Adams, Anderson, Arentz, Baker, Beauchamp, Bouchat, Buckel, Ciliberti, Ghrist, Griffith, Hartman, Hinebaugh, Howard, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Kipke, R.Long, Mangione, McComas, Miller, T.Morgan, Nkongolo, Pippy, Reilly, Rose, Schmidt, Tomlinson, Valentine, and Wivell	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB0462 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB0091 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity** Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid 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 R. Long, Adams, Anderson, Arentz, Baker, Beauchamp, Bouchat, Buckel, Ciliberti, Ghrist, Griffith, Hartman, Hinebaugh, Hornberger,	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

		Howard, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Kipke, Mangione, McComas, Metzgar, Miller, T. Morgan, Nkongolo, Pippy, Reilly, Rose, Tomlinson, Valentine, and Wivell	
HB0482 Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	**Title: Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission (Fair Districts for Maryland Act)** 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 Buckel, Pippy, Adams, Anderson, Arentz, Baker, Beauchamp, Chisholm, Griffith, Hartman, Hinebaugh, Hornberger, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Kipke, R. Long, Mangione, McComas, Metzgar, Miller, T. Morgan, Nkongolo, Reilly, Rose, Schmidt, Tomlinson, Valentine, and Wivell	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 3:00 p.m. (Rules) Contingency - on a referendum
HB0488 Amendments Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	**Title: Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress** 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 Wilson, Addison, Allen, Bartlett, Behler, Boafo, Chang, Coley, Crutchfield, Cullison, Davis, Ebersole, Embry, Fair, Foley, Forbes, Guzzone, H	==In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules== Contingency - on a referendum

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HB0496 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Unaffiliated Voters - Open Primary Elections** 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 Qi and Schmidt	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
HB0499 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB0642 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Petition Modernization Act)** 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 Ruth, Ebersole, Guyton, Hill,Lewis, J.Long, McCaskill, Moreno, Ruff, Terrasa, and White Holland	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB0565 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: County Boards of Education - Elections - District Voting (Fair Representation Act)** 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 J. Long	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026

HB0580 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB1094 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Montgomery County - Voting Methods MC 1-26** 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 - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB0584 Regular-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill	**Title: Clean Maryland Democracy Amendment** 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 Stewart	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
HB0621 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed With SB0443	**Title: Local Boards of Elections - Board Counsel – Qualifications** Altering the qualifications for counsel to local boards of elections to require that counsel be a registered voter of the State instead of the applicable county.	Delegates D. Jones, Lehman, Pruski, and Tomlinson	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB0641 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB0317 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program** 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, 2031.	Delegates Williams, Coley, Foley, Hill, Lehman, Martinez, Moon, Palakovich Carr, Solomon, Spiegel, Stinnett, Taveras, Wells, and Wilkins	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB0662 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Election Judges - Compensation for Public School Students** Authorizing a public school student in the State both to earn hours toward the service-learning graduation requirement and to receive election judge compensation for service as an election judge.	Delegates D. Jones and Chang	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026

HB0689 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Candidates for Representative in Congress - Certificate of Candidacy Filing Deadline for the 2026 Election – Alteration** Altering the deadline for a candidate for Representative in Congress to file a certificate of candidacy for the statewide election held in 2026 from the last Tuesday in February to 9 p.m. on March 20, 2026.	Delegates Fair and Wells	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB0708 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB0680 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Municipal Elections - Voter Registration - List and Qualifications** 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 Grammer, Arikan, Chisholm, Fisher, M. Morgan, Nawrocki, and Szeliga	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB0830 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification** Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and 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 R. Long, Arentz, Baker, Chisholm, Griffith, Hornberger, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Miller, T. Morgan, Reilly, Tomlinson, and Valentine	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment Bill imposes a local government mandate
HB0871 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB1113 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Enhanced Automatic Voter Registration System** Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to implement an enhanced automatic voter registration system on or before January 1, 2029; 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 Stewart	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
HB0962 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Local Public Campaign Financing - County Boards of Education** Authorizing the governing body of a county to establish a system of public campaign financing for elected members of the county board of education.	Delegates Woorman, Acevero, Behler, Kaufman, Palakovich Carr, Terrasa, and Wims	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

HB0964 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Secure the Vote Act of 2026** Repealing the requirements that the Baltimore City centralized booking facility provide a ballot drop box to eligible voters; repealing the requirement that each local board of elections designate locations in the county at which ballot drop boxes will be placed; repealing provisions of law governing permanent absentee ballot status; repealing the authority to conduct special elections by mail; etc.	Delegates Grammer, Adams, Anderson, Arentz, Arikan, Baker, Beauchamp, Bouchat, Buckel, Chisholm, Ciliberti, Fisher, Ghrist, Hartman, Hinebaugh, Hornberger, Howard, Hutchinson, Jacobs, Kipke, R. Long, Mangione, McComas, Metzgar, Miller, M. Morgan, T. Morgan, Nawrocki, Nkongolo, Pippy, Reilly, Schmidt, Szeliga, Tomlinson, Valentine, and Wivell	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026 Bill imposes a local government mandate
HB0979 Constitutional Bill Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: State Constitutional Convention - Question on Ballot - Passage by Majority of Votes Cast** Requiring the General Assembly to organize and hold a Convention to amend the State Constitution if a majority of the votes cast on the question of calling for a Convention, rather than a majority of voters voting at the election, are for the holding of a Convention; and prohibiting any changes or amendments to the State Constitution adopted by the Convention and submitted to the voters of the State from becoming effective unless the majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the adoption.	Delegates Hornberger and Stewart	In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations Contingency - on a referendum
HB1001 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0670	**Title: Election Law - Local Board of Elections Employees - Authority at Polling Places** Requiring a police officer who is on duty at a polling place to obey the authority of a local board of elections employee; providing that local board employees, while serving a polling place, have the authority to keep the peace and order the arrest of certain persons; and authorizing local board employees, while serving in a polling place, to protect certain rights of, deny admission of, and eject certain challengers and watchers from a polling place under certain circumstances.	Delegate D. Jones	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026

HB1010 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0236	**Title: Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation** 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.	Delegate Fair	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
HB1027 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0901	**Title: Election Law - Telephone Voting System – Requirements** Requiring the State Board of Elections to select, certify, and acquire a telephone voting system for absentee voting by voters who have attested to having a print disability; defining "print disability" as a condition that prevents or inhibits an individual from reading, holding, or processing standard printed materials in an original format; providing for the eligibility of a voter to use the telephone voting system; requiring the State Board to place certain voters on the telephone voting system list; etc.	Delegates Terrasa, Lehman, Amprey, Boyce, Buckel, Feldmark, Fennell, Guyton, Hill, A. Johnson, Moreno, Ruth, Schindler, Turner, Wu, and Ziegler	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
HB1066 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0727	**Title: Municipal Elections - Qualified Electronic Transmission Systems - Authorization for Use** Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission system for certain purposes.	Delegates Lehman, Kerr, Taveras, and Terrasa	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026
HB1069 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0949	**Title: Election Law - Canvassing of Absentee Ballots - Preemption by Federal Judicial Action** Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to establish a uniform tabulation policy for absentee ballots with federal contests only if there is an occurrence of federal judicial action regarding the timely receipt of certain absentee ballots that preempts a certain State law and regulation; and requiring the State Administrator to provide certain additional notice to voters regarding absentee ballots under certain circumstances using certain methods.	Delegate Fair	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
HB1083 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Montgomery County Board of Elections - Membership MC 6-26** Altering the membership of the Montgomery County Board of Elections to consist of seven regular members and to no longer include substitute members; altering the number of members on the county board required to be members of the majority party and the principal minority party; and altering the votes required for the county board to appoint an election director.	Montgomery County Delegation	03/04 Hearing 1pm Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026 Bill imposes a local government mandate

HB1265 Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB1120 2023 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Candidate Truthfulness – Oath** Requiring a candidate to submit a certain oath or statement with the candidate's certificate of candidacy relating to the candidate's truthfulness regarding certain information while campaigning for office; and subjecting a candidate who attests to the oath to certain sanctions for a violation of the oath.	Delegates McComas, Baker, Beauchamp, Ciliberti, Hutchinson, and Miller	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
HB1289 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0800	**Title: Task Force on the Implementation of Approval Voting and Ranked-Choice Voting** Establishing the Task Force on the Implementation of Approval Voting and Ranked-Choice Voting; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2027.	Delegate Terrasa	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026 Creates a Task Force or Commission
HB1403 Constitutional Bill Regular-Filed Bill Introduced in a prior session as HB1288 2024 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Initiative Process** Authorizing the people to petition to a vote a proposal to add to, amend, and repeal the public general laws or the Maryland Constitution under certain circumstances and establishing the Initiative process; and requiring that the amendment be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election in November 2026 for adoption or rejection.	Delegates McComas and Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Contingency - on a referendum
HB1405 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance Activities - Candidates for State Office** Prohibiting a candidate for certain State offices and a person acting on behalf of a candidate for certain State offices from participating in certain campaign finance activities during a regular session of the General Assembly.	Delegates Healey, Guyton, Harrison, Holmes, Kaufman, Lehman, Rosenberg, Ruth, Schmidt, Solomon, Stewart, Terrasa, and Turner	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026

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HB1407 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Notice of Timely Receipt** Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to provide certain additional notice to voters using certain methods if there is an occurrence of federal judicial action regarding the timely receipt of absentee ballots with federal contests that preempts certain State law and regulations.	Delegate Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
HB1448 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with SB0848	**Title: Municipal Elections - Information on Candidates and Voting Procedures and Locations** Requiring a municipality to submit to the State Board of Elections the qualifications to be a candidate for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the list of qualified candidates for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, and certain information on voting procedures and locations in a municipal election on or before certain dates; and requiring the State Board to post the information submitted by a municipality regarding a municipal election on the State Board's website immediately on receipt.	Delegate Tomlinson	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026

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SB0005 Pre-Filed Bill Constitutional Bill Cross-Filed with HB0050 Introduced in a prior session as SB0002 2025 Regular Session	**Title: General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office** Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of 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.	Senator Kagan	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Contingency - on a referendum

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB0011 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0260	**Title: Public Financing Act - Fair Campaign Financing Fund – Distributions** 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.	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections) By Request of the Governor	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026
SB0029 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-filed with HB0044 Introduced in a prior session as SB0615 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures** 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.	Senator Kagan	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
SB0065 Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with HB0157 Introduced in a prior session as SB0027 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance - Exploratory Committees** 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 Kagan	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
SB0073 Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill	**Title: Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)** 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	Senator Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

Introduced in a prior session as SB0066	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.		Bill imposes a local government mandate.
SB0089 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0052 Introduced in a prior session as SB0647 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voter Hotline and Voting Eligibility (Voting Rights for All Act)** 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 Muse	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
SB0091 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0265	**Title: State Board of Elections - Address Confidentiality Program - Designation of Contact Person** 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.	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - Secretary of State) By Request of the Governor	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
SB0100 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0263	**Title: Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Bus Stops** 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 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.	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections) By Request of the Governor	In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027

SB0132 Pre-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-filed with HB0156 Introduced in a prior session as SB0099 2024 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Affiliating With a Party and Voting - Unaffiliated Voters** Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party; and requiring an election judge to determine whether the voter resides in the county in which the voter seeks to vote.	Senators Kagan and Rosapepe	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
SB0141 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-filed with HB0145 Introduced in a prior session as SB0361 2025 Regular Session	**Title: Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes** 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 Hester	==In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections== Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
SB0153 Pre-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0267	**Title: Election Law - Campaign Finance Entities - Oversight and Control of Campaign Funds** 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.	Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections) By Request of the Governor	==In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections== Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
SB0236 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and Evaluation** 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-	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026

	supporting technology on or before January 1 each year; and requiring that the regulations be adopted by December 1, 2026.		
SB0237 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0182	**Title: Election Law - Presidential Electors - Selection and Voting** 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 Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
SB0241 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0115	**Title: Election Law - Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities - Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration** 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 Augustine	==In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections== Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
SB0255 Amendment(1) Regular-Filed Bill Emergency Bill Cross-Filed with HB0350	**Title: Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations** 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 Sydnor	==In the House - First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections== Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
SB0443 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB0621	**Title: Local Boards of Elections - Board Counsel – Qualifications** Altering the qualifications for counsel to local boards of elections to require that counsel be a registered voter of the State instead of the applicable county.	Senators Carozza, Kagan, Hershey, and Mautz	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment
SB0567 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity** Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid non-government-issued photo	Senators Ready, Bailey, Carozza, Corderman, Folden, G	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.

Cross-Filed with [HB0462](#)	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.	[allion](#), [Hershey](#), [Jennings](#), [Mautz](#), [McKay](#), [Salling](#), [Simonaire](#), and [West](#)	Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
[SB0670](#) Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with [HB1001](#)	**Title: Election Law - Local Board of Elections Employees - Authority at Polling Places** Requiring a police officer who is on duty at a polling place to obey the authority of a local board of elections employee; providing that local board employees, while serving a polling place, have the authority to keep the peace and order the arrest of certain persons; and authorizing local board employees, while serving in a polling place, to protect certain rights of, deny admission of, and eject certain challengers and watchers from a polling place under certain circumstances; etc.	Senator [Kagan](#)	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
[SB0697](#) Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Actions to Influence an Election - Social Media Platform Algorithms and Bots Purchased by Foreign Nationals** Establishing a rebuttable presumption that a social media platform has made an independent expenditure to a certain candidate if the social media platform knowingly and purposefully alters its algorithm to amplify certain political content for the benefit of the candidate; prohibiting a foreign national from using a bot to publish, distribute, or disseminate campaign material or artificially amplify political content to users of an online platform for a certain purpose; etc.	Senator [Feldman](#)	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026
[SB0800](#) Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Task Force on the Implementation of Approval Voting and Ranked-Choice Voting** Establishing the Task Force on the Implementation of Approval Voting and Ranked-Choice Voting; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2027.	Senator [McKay](#)	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): October 1, 2026 Creates a Task Force or Commission
[SB0845](#) Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act** Requiring an election director of a local board of elections to immediately remove a registered voter from the statewide voter registration list when the local board receives a certain report that the registered voter is deceased; requiring the election director to take certain action if the election director receives information that a voter removed from the statewide voter registration list is not in fact deceased; etc.	Senator [Carozza](#)	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026

SB0848 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Municipal Elections - Information on Candidates and Voting Procedures and Locations** Requiring a municipality to submit to the State Board of Elections the qualifications to be a candidate for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, the list of qualified candidates for each office on the ballot in a municipal election, and certain information on voting procedures and locations in a municipal election on or before certain dates; and requiring the State Board to post the information submitted by a municipality regarding a municipal election on the State Board's website immediately on receipt.	Senator Gallion	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): June 1, 2026
SB0888 Constitutional Bill Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Districts - General Assembly and Representatives in Congress** 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.	Senators Lam and Ellis	In the Senate - Reassigned to Senate Rules Contingency - on a referendum
SB0901 Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB1027	**Title: Election Law - Telephone Voting System – Requirements** Requiring the State Board of Elections to select, certify, and acquire a telephone voting system for absentee voting by certain voters who have attested to having a print disability that meets certain requirements; defining "print disability" as a condition that prevents or inhibits an individual from reading, holding, or processing, standard printed materials in the original format; providing for the eligibility of a voter to use the telephone voting system; etc.	Senators Brooks, Lam, and Muse	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
SB0948 Regular-Filed Bill	**Title: Election Law - Internet-Delivered Absentee Ballots - Information and Receipt Limitation** Requiring that the accessible online absentee ballot application provided by the State Board of Elections include certain information for voters that choose to receive an absentee ballot provided by the Internet; prohibiting certain voters on permanent absentee ballot status from receiving a recurring absentee ballot provided by the Internet; and altering the contents of a certain communication sent to certain voters on permanent absentee voter status.	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): January 1, 2027
SB0949 Emergency Bill Regular-Filed Bill Cross-Filed with HB1069	**Title: Election Law - Canvassing of Absentee Ballots - Preemption by Federal Judicial Action** Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to establish a uniform tabulation policy for absentee ballots with federal contests only if there is an occurrence of federal judicial action regarding the timely receipt of certain absentee ballots that preempts a certain State law and	Senator Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Effective Date(s): Upon Enactment

	regulation; and requiring the State Administrator to provide certain additional notice to voters regarding absentee ballots under certain circumstances using certain methods.		