



AGENDA

Washington County Board of Elections July 11, 2023

Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at **3PM**. Meeting will be held in person but may also be attended virtually. Call in information is provided below.

Call Meeting to Order:

Record Those Present:

Minutes of the May 9, 2023 and June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meetings:

Request for Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Correspondence:

Reports:

- I. Election Director
- II. Attorney

Old Business:

- I. Polling Place Merges
- II. Early Voting

New Business:

- I. Polling Place Plan

Members Remarks:

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Distributed Information:

Future Events:

Executive Session:

Part of the meeting may be closed in accordance with Open Meeting Act Procedures.

Public Participation: Members of the public may address the Board. Pursuant to §3.2B of the Board's bylaws, public participation at a meeting must be pre-scheduled and pre- approved by the President. To request approval to speak at a board meeting, contact Barry Jackson at 240.313.2054 or by Email at barry.jackson@maryland.gov no later than 5 pm the day before the meeting.

Call In Instructions for the Meeting:

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/zap-wcdx-fuz

Join by phone

1 405-578-5317

PIN: 187 429 439#

Director's Report – July 11, 2023

A. Personnel –

1. Deputy Director position closed on July 7, 2023. We hope to schedule interviews the week of July 17th. Teresa Morningstar continues to serve as acting Deputy Director in the meantime.
2. PIN created for new Voter Outreach position. Awaiting job posting by SBE.
3. If and when Program Supervisor position becomes vacant, we will immediately post it.
4. Tammi Derr's position will not be posted until other positions have been filled.
5. Performance Evaluations (PEP) due in July.

B. Meetings:

1. Director's Meetings:

a) Highlights of June 15th meeting (in Washington County!)

- (1) SBE working on updating language for handing out ballots
- (2) SBE working on regulations for HB410 and HB1200
- (3) Early Voting selection materials will be available by end of June (population maps, etc.)
- (4) Pollbook project – a few weeks needed for software testing
- (5) Question was asked about retention of ballot drop box video surveillance. Video footage is to be kept for 22 months, same as other election related documentation.

b) Next Meeting, July 20, 2023

C. Trainings: N/A

D. Legislative Update: Discussion of House Bill 410 in New Business

E. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:

1. Registration Statistics for June 2023 were distributed to the Board.

F. Candidate Filings:

1. Filing for 2024 Presidential Election began on January 19, 2023. No filings so far.

G. Voting System Activities:

1. Working on a solution for reorganizing and staging voting equipment.

H. Projects:

1. Received new desktops from county. We are able to access our network drive, but we cannot use any Microsoft Office products.
2. Finish cleaning out black transfer carts and put everything away, box up voted and unvoted ballots for storage, post-election maintenance (PEM) on voting booths.

Washington County Polling Place List by District-Precinct

Dist-Prec	Polling Place	Address	City - Zip	Room
01-0	Sharpsburg Elem. School	17525 Shepherdstown Pike	Sharpsburg, 21782	Gymnasium
02-1 / 02-2	Williamsport High School	5 S. Clifton Drive	Williamsport, 21795	Cafeteria
03-1	Potomac Towers	11 W. Baltimore Street	Hagerstown, 21740	Part of Main Room
03-2	Girls Inc.	626 Washington Avenue	Hagerstown, 21740	Gymnasium
04-0	Clear Spring High School	12630 Broadfording Road	Clear Spring, 21722	Lobby
05-0	Hancock Middle/Senior HS	289 W. Main Street	Hancock, 21750	Cafeteria
06-0	Boonsboro High School	10 Campus Avenue	Boonsboro, 21713	Gymnasium
07-1	Smithsburg Elem. School	67 N. Main Street	Smithsburg, 21783	Multi-purpose Room
07-2	Smithsburg Middle School	68 N. Main Street	Smithsburg, 21783	Cafeteria
08-0	Pleasant Valley Baptist Church	3346 Gapland Road	Rohrersville, 21779	Fellowship Hall
09-0	Leitersburg Ruritan Community Center	21427 Leiter St	Hagerstown, 21742	Gymnasium
10-1	South Hagerstown HS - Gymnasium	1101 S. Potomac Street	Hagerstown, 21740	Gymnasium
10-2 / 10-4	Rockland Woods Elementary School	18201 Rockland Drive	Hagerstown, 21740	Cafeteria
10-3 / 10-5	Eastern Elem. School	1320 Yale Drive	Hagerstown, 21742	Cafeteria
11-1	Pleasant Valley Elem. School	1707 Rohrersville Road	Knoxville, 21758	Multi-purpose room
11-2	Potomac Valley Fire Hall	2202 Dargan School Road	Sharpsburg, 21782	
12-0	Community VFC of Dist 12 Banquet Ctr	18002 Tilghmanton Road	Fairplay, 21733	Banquet Center
13-1 / 13-2	Maugansville Elem. School	18023 Maugans Avenue	Hagerstown, 21740	Gymnasium
14-1	Ringgold Ruritan Club	14247 Windy Haven Road	Smithsburg, 21783	
14-2	Fort Ritchie Community Center	14421 Lake Royer Dr	Cascade, 21719	Small Gymnasium
15-0	Big Pool Community Hall	11411 Tedrick Drive	Big Pool, 21711	Main Room
16-0	Greenbrier Elem. School	21222 San Mar Road	Boonsboro, 21713	Gymnasium
17-0	Bester Elem. School - Gym	385 Mill St.	Hagerstown, 21740	Gymnasium
18-1	Bethel United Methodist Church (Chewsville)	21006 Twin Springs Drive	Smithsburg, 21783	Large Meeting Hall
18-2 / 18-4	Maranatha Brethren Church	19835 Scott Hill Drive	Hagerstown, 21742	Class Room
18-3	Hagerstown Community College ARCC Bldg	11400 Robinwood Drive, ARCC Buildin	Hagerstown, 21742	Lobby of ARCC Building
19-0	Little Antietam Community Center	40 Mt. Vernon Drive	Keedysville, 21756	Multi-purpose room
20-0	Downsville Ruritan Club	8629 Downsville Pike	Williamsport, 21795	
21-0	North Hagerstown High School	1200 Pennsylvania Avenue	Hagerstown, 21742	Gymnasium
22-1	Trinity Lutheran Church	15 Randolph Avenue	Hagerstown, 21740	Fellowship Hall
22-2	Pangborn Elem. School	195 Pangborn Blvd.	Hagerstown, 21740	Cafeteria
23-0	Heritage Academy	12215 Walnut Point West	Hagerstown, 21740	Gymnasium
24-0	WACOHU Grange Hall	16412 National Pike	Hagerstown, 21740	Main Room
25-1	Bethel Gardens Comm. Center	356 Henry Avenue	Hagerstown, 21740	Conference Room
25-2	Western Heights Middle School	1300 Marshall Street	Hagerstown, 21740	Cafeteria
25-3	Salem Avenue Elem. School	1323 Salem Avenue	Hagerstown, 21740	Gymnasium
26-1	Washington County Election Center	17718 Virginia Avenue	Hagerstown, 21740	
26-2	Lincolnshire Elem. School	17545 Lincolnshire Road	Hagerstown, 21740	Cafeteria
27-1	Fountaindale Elem. School	901 Northern Avenue	Hagerstown, 21742	Cafeteria
27-2 / 27-3	Paramount Elem. School	19410 Longmeadow Road	Hagerstown, 21742	Cafeteria

Polling Places: 40 **Precincts:** 46

Article - Election Law

§2-102.

(a) The State Board shall manage and supervise elections in the State and ensure compliance with the requirements of this article and any applicable federal law by all persons involved in the elections process.

(b) In exercising its authority under this article and in order to ensure compliance with this article and with any requirements of federal law, the State Board shall:

- (1) supervise the conduct of elections in the State;- 17 -
- (2) direct, support, monitor, and evaluate the activities of each local board;
- (3) have a staff sufficient to perform its functions;
- (4) adopt regulations to implement its powers and duties;
- (5) receive, or in its discretion audit, campaign finance reports, account books and records kept under § 13-221 of this article, independent expenditure reports filed and records kept under § 13-306 of this article, electioneering communication reports filed and records kept under § 13-307 of this article, and statements filed and records kept under § 14-105 of this article;
- (6) appoint a State Administrator in accordance with § 2-103 of this subtitle;
- (7) maximize the use of technology in election administration, including the development of a plan for a comprehensive computerized elections management system;
- (8) canvass and certify the results of elections as prescribed by law;
- (9) make available to the general public, in a timely and efficient manner, information on the electoral process, including a publication that includes the text of this article, relevant portions of the Maryland Constitution, and

information gathered and maintained regarding elections;

- (10) subject to § 2–106 of this subtitle and § 13–341 of this article, receive, maintain, and serve as a depository for elections documents, materials, records, statistics, reports, certificates, proclamations, and other information prescribed by law or regulation;
- (11) prescribe all forms required under this article; and
- (12) serve as the official designated office in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act for providing information regarding voter registration and absentee ballot procedures for absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters with respect to elections for federal office.

§2–202.

(a) Except for the City of Baltimore, the provisions of this section do not apply to a municipal corporation in the State in which the municipal or charter elections are regulated by the public local laws of the State or the charter of the municipal corporation.

(b) Each local board, in accordance with the provisions of this article and regulations adopted by the State Board, shall:

- (1) oversee the conduct of all elections held in its county and ensure that the elections process is conducted in an open, convenient, and impartial manner;
- (2) pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, or its county merit system, whichever is applicable, appoint an election director to manage the operations and supervise the staff of the local board;
- (3) maintain an office and be open for business as provided in this article, and, subject to § 9–106 of this article, provide the supplies and equipment necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of voter registration and election, including:

- (i) supplies and equipment required by the State Board; and
- (ii) office and polling place equipment expenses;
- (4) adopt any regulation it considers necessary to perform its duties under this article, which regulation shall become effective when it is filed with and approved by the State Board;
- (5) serve as the local board of canvassers and certify the results of each election conducted by the local board;
- (6) establish and alter the boundaries and number of precincts in accordance with § 2–303 of this title, and provide a suitable polling place for each precinct, and assign voters to precincts;
- (7) provide to the general public timely information and notice, by publication or mail, concerning voter registration and elections;
- (8) make determinations and hear and decide challenges and appeals as provided by law;
- (9) (i) aid in the prosecution of an offense under this article; and
(ii) when the board finds there is probable cause to believe an offense has been committed, refer the matter to the appropriate prosecutorial authority;
- (10) maintain and dispose of its records in accordance with the plan adopted by the State Board under § 2–106 of this title; and
- (11) administer voter registration and absentee voting for nursing homes and assisted living facilities in accordance with procedures established by the State Administrator, subject to the approval of the State Board.

§10–301.1.

(a) Except as provided under Title 9, Subtitle 3 of this article, during any regularly scheduled primary or general election a voter may vote:

- (1) in the voter's assigned precinct on election day; or

(2) at an early voting center in the voter's county of residence on any early voting day in accordance with this section.

(b) (1) Each county shall have at least one early voting center established in the county as prescribed in this subsection.

(2) A county with fewer than 50,000 registered voters shall have one early voting center established in the county.

(3) A county with at least 50,000 registered voters but fewer than 100,000 registered voters shall have two early voting centers established in the county.

(4) A county with at least 100,000 registered voters but fewer than 200,000 registered voters shall have three early voting centers established in the county.

(5) A county with at least 200,000 registered voters but fewer than 300,000 registered voters shall have five early voting centers established in the county.

(6) A county with at least 300,000 registered voters but fewer than 400,000 registered voters shall have seven early voting centers established in the county.

(7) A county with at least 400,000 registered voters but fewer than 500,000 registered voters shall have nine early voting centers established in the county.

(8) A county with at least 500,000 registered voters but fewer than 600,000 registered voters shall have 11 early voting centers established in the county.

(9) A county with at least 600,000 registered voters shall have 13 early voting centers established in the county.

(10) In addition to the early voting centers required in this subsection, each county may establish one additional early voting center if:

(i) first, the local board and the governing body of the county

agree to establish an additional early voting center; and

(ii) then, the State Board approves the establishment of the additional early voting center.

(c) (1) No later than 6 months before a primary election, the local board in each county shall, subject to the approval of the State Board, designate each early voting center in that county.

(2) A local board shall take into account the following factors when determining the location of an early voting center:

(i) accessibility of the early voting center to historically disenfranchised communities, including cultural groups, ethnic groups, and minority groups;

(ii) proximity of the early voting center to dense concentrations of voters;

(iii) accessibility of the early voting center by public transportation;

(iv) ensuring equitable distribution of early voting centers throughout the county; and

(v) maximizing voter participation, including through the use of community centers and public gathering places as locations for early voting centers.

(d) Each early voting center shall be open for voting as follows:

(1) beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election through the Thursday before the election; and

(2) during the hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day.

(e) Each early voting center shall satisfy the requirements of § 10–101 of this title.

(f) Beginning 30 days prior to each early voting period the State Board and each local board shall undertake steps to inform the public about early voting and the

location of early voting centers in each county, including:

- (1) a series of public service media announcements;
 - (2) mailings to all registered voters in each county; and
 - (3) other measures as appropriate.
- (g) Except as expressly provided in this section, any provision of this article that applies to voting on election day also applies to early voting.
- (h) The State Board shall adopt regulations and guidelines in accordance with the requirements of this section for the conduct of early voting.

§10–101.

- (a) (1) Each local board shall designate a polling place that meets the requirements of this subsection for each precinct in the county as established by the local board in accordance with Title 2 of this article.
- (2) Each polling place shall:
- (i) provide an environment that is suitable to the proper conduct of an election;
 - (ii) be located as conveniently as practicable for the majority of registered voters assigned to that polling place;
 - (iii) except as authorized in paragraph (4) of this subsection, be in a public building;
 - (iv) be in the precinct that it serves unless no suitable location for a polling place can be found within that precinct, in which case the board may establish the polling place in an adjacent precinct; and
 - (v) whenever practicable, be selected and arranged to avoid architectural and other barriers that impede access or voting by elderly and physically disabled voters.
- (3) (i) The public official responsible for the use of any public building requested by a local board for a polling place shall make available to the

local board, without charge, the space that is needed in the building for the proper conduct of an election.

(ii) Light, heat, and custodial and janitorial services for the space shall be provided to the local board without charge.

(iii) 1. Subject to subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, electioneering shall be allowed on the premises of the public building up to the electioneering boundary established under § 16–206(b) of this article.

2. Campaign signs shall be allowed on the premises of the public building, at a minimum, from:

A. 5 p.m. the day immediately preceding election day

until 8 a.m. on the day immediately following election day; and

B. 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins

under § 10–301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

(4) (i) If suitable space in a public building is not available, a local board may pay a reasonable fee for the use of space in a privately owned building.

(ii) A polling place may not be located in a privately owned building unless the owner of the building agrees to:

1. allow electioneering on the premises up to the

electioneering boundary established under § 16–206(b) of this article; and

2. allow campaign signs on the premises, at a

minimum, from:

A. 5 p.m. the day immediately preceding election day

until 8 a.m. on the day immediately following election day; and

B. 5 p.m. the day before an early voting period begins

under § 10–301.1 of this title until 8 a.m. the day after the early voting period ends.

(5) If a polling place is located in a building owned or leased by a volunteer fire company or rescue squad, the volunteer fire company or rescue squad may require the local board to pay for the use of the space that is needed in the

building for the proper conduct of any election.

(b) (1) (i) In Baltimore City, public buildings shall be used for polling places to the greatest extent feasible.

(ii) For rental of privately owned polling places in Baltimore City, the local board shall pay an amount as determined in the ordinance of estimates, provided that the amount is uniform on a citywide basis.

(2) In Charles County, the local board may use private firehouses, private halls, and other buildings for polling places.

(3) In Montgomery County, the County Board of Education shall make available the space and custodial service as needed for the proper conduct of elections upon application by the local board.

(c) (1) The State Board shall adopt regulations governing the use of a building or part of a building that is owned, occupied, or partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license as a polling place.

(2) The regulations adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall require a local board to prioritize the placement of polling locations in buildings that are not owned, occupied, or partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license.

Title 33
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 17 EARLY VOTING

33.17.02 Early Voting Center

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), and 10-301.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Selecting Early Voting Centers.

A. Considerations for Early Voting Centers. A local board shall consider the following factors when determining the location of an early voting center:

- (1) Accessibility of the early voting center to historically disenfranchised communities, including cultural groups, ethnic groups, and minority groups;
- (2) Proximity of the early voting center to dense concentrations of voters such that:
 - (a) If a county [has] is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have one or two early voting centers, 50 percent of the registered voters in the county live within 10 miles of one of the proposed early voting center; or
 - (b) If a county [has] is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have three or more early voting centers, 80 percent of the registered voters live within 5 miles of one of the early voting centers;
- (3) Accessibility of the early voting center by public transportation;
- (4) Ensuring equitable distribution of early voting centers throughout the county;
- (5) Maximizing voter participation, including through the use of community centers and public gathering places as locations for early voting centers;
- (6) Whether the early voting center can accommodate long lines of voters, including taking into consideration how voters waiting in line are protected against inclement weather; and
- (7) Whether the early voting center has parking facilities sufficient for early voting, taking into consideration the normal business activities of the proposed early voting center.

B. Requirements for Early Voting Centers. A local board shall propose early voting center locations that:

- (1) Allow a local board to install the required telecommunication needs;
- (2) Are of sufficient size and layout to conduct early voting, including adequate access to electricity;
- (3) Are accessible or can be made accessible for voters with disabilities;
- (4) Can store voting equipment and supplies in a secure location during non-early voting hours;
- (5) Have sufficient and reliable heating and air-conditioning capabilities; and

(6) Can accommodate a no electioneering zone as required by Election Law Article, §16-206, Annotated Code of Maryland, exit polling as required by COMAR 33.07.08, and electioneering outside of the no-electioneering zone.

C. Form for Proposed Early Voting Center.

(1) The State Board shall:

(a) Prescribe a form for a local board to use to provide information about a proposed early voting center; and

(b) Provide each local board with the form at least 1 year before a primary election.

(2) Form Submission for Early Voting Center.

(a) At least 7 months before a primary election, a local board shall submit a form for each proposed early voting center.

(b) If a local board is required to have more than one early voting center, the local board shall:

(i) Complete a form for each proposed early voting center; and

(ii) Submit the forms for each proposed early voting centers at the same time.

D. Contents of Form. The form shall include questions related to whether the proposed early voting center meets the considerations and requirements defined in §§A and B of this Regulation.

E. Additional Information. For each proposed early voting center, a local board shall submit with the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation:

(1) A diagram of the facility, including the proposed layout of the voting equipment and electrical and telecommunications connections in the voting area and the proposed locations of the election judges;

(2) The State of Maryland's Accessibility Survey form[; and]

(3) Digital photographs of the outside of and entrance to the proposed early voting center[.]; and

(4) The security plan required by Regulation .04 of this chapter.

F. Inability to Identify Proposed Early Voting Center. If the proposed early voting center does not meet all of the criteria listed on the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation, a local board shall provide on the form:

(1) A list of other facilities that were considered, and why those facilities are not being proposed as early voting centers; and

(2) A description of the factors that mitigate the fact that the proposed early voting center does not meet all of the criteria listed on the form required in §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation.

G. Use of Local Board Office. If a local board proposes to use the offices of the local board as an early voting center, the local board shall:

(1) Have a clearly marked space for early voting that is distinct and separate from absentee voting that occurs at the office; and

(2) Post signs and include in all election-specific materials the business hours of the local board and the early voting hours.

H. Approval of Early Voting Centers.

(1) Upon receipt of a form for a proposed early voting center, the State Administrator shall review and make a recommendation to the State Board as to whether to accept or reject the proposed early voting center.

(2) The State Board shall:

(a) Vote on a local board's proposed early voting center within 30 days of receipt of the form required in §[A]C of this [regulation] Regulation;

(b) Give deference to a proposed early voting center for which a local board [can make the acknowledgments]

considered the factors required in §A of this Regulation and the requirements [required in] of §B of this [regulation]Regulation; and

(c) Within 2 days after its vote on a proposed early voting center, notify the local board of this outcome of the State Board's vote.

(3) Upon approval by the State Board, a local board shall include in its disaster recovery plan the name, address, and contact information for the early voting center.

I. Alternate Early Voting Centers.

(1) A local board shall identify an alternate early voting center for use if an approved early voting center becomes unavailable.

(2) A local board shall give preference to the offices of the local board or a government facility when considering the location of an alternate early voting center.

(3) A local board shall identify:

(a) One alternate early voting center if the local board is required to establish one, two, or three early voting

centers; or

(b) Two alternate early voting centers if the local board is required to establish [five] four or more early voting

centers.

(4) A local board shall:

(a) At least 3 months before a primary election, complete and submit to the State Administrator the form

required by §[A] C of this [regulation] Regulation for each proposed alternate early voting center; and

(b) Upon approval by the State Administrator of the alternate early voting center:

(i) Submit the form to the appropriate local government agencies; and

(ii) Include in its disaster recovery plan the name, address, and contact information for each alternate early voting center, a plan for notifying the public if the alternate center is needed, and a plan for transitioning operations to an alternate center.

.03 Agreement for Early Voting Center.

A. Agreement Required. A local board shall enter into a legally binding agreement with an authorized representative of the facility where early voting will be conducted.

B. Required Provisions. The agreement shall contain the following provisions:

(1) The dates and times when a local board requires access to the facility;

(2) The amount of compensation, if any, a local board is required to pay to use the facility as an early voting center;

(3) Authorization to install and test equipment and telecommunications connections before early voting, and remove equipment and connections after early voting;

(4) Authorization to install temporary measures to improve access to the early voting center for voters with disabilities;

(5) Require the facility to provide a local board with its policies and procedures for inclement weather and other emergency situations;

(6) Whether the facility or the local board is responsible for providing appropriate services in case of inclement weather or other emergency situations;

(7) If agreed to by the facility's authorized representative, a copy of the facility's disaster recovery plan;

(8) Authorization to establish a no electioneering zone during early voting; and

(9) Authorization to allow exit polling within the no electioneering zone.

C. Filing with State Administrator. Within 30 days of executing the agreement, a local board shall file a copy of the signed agreement with the State Administrator.

.04 Security Plans for Early Voting Center.

A. Security Plan Required. [At least 8 weeks before early voting begins] With the form required by Regulation .02C

of this chapter, an election director shall submit an early voting security plan for approval to the State Administrator.

B. Contents of Plan.

(1) The early voting security plan shall describe in detail how a local board will keep voting equipment, electronic

pollbooks, ballots, and other election equipment and supplies secure during early voting and non-early voting hours.

(2) The plan shall include:

(a) A description of each entrance, including windows, to the area where equipment and supplies will be secured during

non-early voting hours and how the entrance is secured;

(b) The names and titles of all individuals who have a key or keys to the room where equipment and supplies will be

secured during non-early voting hours;

(c) A description of existing building security, such as alarms and closed circuit or Internet accessible cameras, and

armed and unarmed guards at the facility; and

(d) Any additional security measures that will be taken during early voting and non-early voting hours.

(3) At the request of the State Administrator or when it is considered necessary, an election director shall:

(a) Review and update the early voting security plan; and

(b) If updated, within 2 days of updating the plan, submit a copy of the updated plan to the State Administrator.

C. Review and Acceptance of Plan.

(1) The State Administrator shall review a local board's early voting security plan and may require a local board to make changes to the plan, including implementing additional security measures.

(2) Within 30 days of receipt of [a] an early voting security plan, the State Administrator shall review and provide feedback to a local board.

(3) A local board shall update its plan according to the feedback provided by the State Administrator

Proximity of Early Voting Centers to Dense Concentrations of Voters

(Election Law 10.301.1 (c)(2)(ii) and COMAR 33.17.02.02 A.(2)(a) and (b))

Potential Early Voting Site	Active Voters as of 06/12/2023	Active Voters within 5 miles	% within 5 miles	Active Voters within 10 miles	% within 10 miles
Election Center	99,836	56,710	56.8%	84,620	84.8%
Hagerstown Library	99,836	60,054	60.2%	83,446	83.6%
Boonsboro American Legion	99,836	10,523	10.5%	62,735	62.8%
Fairplay Fire Hall	99,836	12,582	12.6%	72,492	72.6%
Big Pool Community Center	99,836	1,804	1.8%	6,277	6.3%
Hancock Town Hall	99,836	2,008	2.0%	3,042	3.0%
Clear Spring American Legion	99,836	4,389	4.4%	23,605	23.6%

Two Early Voting Center Combinations	Active Voters within 10 miles	% within 10 miles
Election Center and Hagerstown Library	86,337	86.5%
Election Center and Boonsboro American Legion	90,984	91.1%
Election Center and Fairplay Fire Hall	90,233	90.4%
Election Center and Clear Spring American Legion	86,667	86.8%
Election Center and Big Pool Community Center	87,419	87.6%
Election Center and Hancock Town Hall	87,577	87.7%
Hagerstown Library and Boonsboro American Legion	91,338	91.5%
Hagerstown Library and Fairplay Fire Hall	90,764	90.9%
Hagerstown Library and Clear Spring American Legion	86,937	87.1%
Hagerstown Library and Big Pool Community Center	87,641	87.8%
Hagerstown Library and Hancock Town Hall	86,485	86.6%

Three Early Voting Center Combinations	Active Voters within 5 miles	% within 5 miles
Election Center, Hagerstown Library, and Boonsboro American Legion	74,262	74.4%
Election Center, Hagerstown Library, and Fairplay Fire Hall	71,135	71.3%
Election Center, Hagerstown Library, and Clear Spring American Legion	68,643	68.8%

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Election Center, Hagerstown Library, and Big Pool Community Center	66,144	66.3%
Election Center, Hagerstown Library, and Hancock Town Hall	66,351	66.5%
Election Center, Boonsboro American Legion, and Fairplay Fire Hall	68,782	68.9%
Election Center, Boonsboro American Legion, and Clear Spring American Legion	71,117	71.2%
Election Center, Boonsboro American Legion, and Big Pool Community Center	68,618	68.7%
Election Center, Boonsboro American Legion, and Hancock Town Hall	68,825	68.9%
Election Center, Fairplay Fire Hall, and Clear Spring American Legion	67,764	67.9%
Election Center, Fairplay Fire Hall, and Big Pool Community Center	65,265	65.4%
Election Center, Fairplay Fire Hall, and Hancock Town Hall	65,472	65.6%
Hagerstown Library, Boonsboro American Legion, and Fairplay Fire Hall	73,043	73.2%
Hagerstown Library, Boonsboro American Legion, and Clear Spring American Legion	74,430	74.6%
Hagerstown Library, Boonsboro American Legion, and Big Pool Community Center	71,842	72.0%
Hagerstown Library, Boonsboro American Legion, and Hancock Town Hall	72,049	72.2%
Hagerstown Library, Fairplay Fire Hall, and Clear Spring American Legion	72,340	72.5%
Hagerstown Library, Fairplay Fire Hall, and Big Pool Community Center	69,752	69.9%
Hagerstown Library, Fairplay Fire Hall, and Hancock Town Hall	69,959	70.1%

**2022 Gubernatorial General Election - Early Voting
Voter Turnout by Precinct**

Precinct	Name	Election Center		Library		Total Turnout	Active Voters	Total % Voter Turnout
		Turnout	% Voter Turnout	Turnout	% Voter Turnout			
001-000	Sharpsburg Elementary	124	96.1%	5	3.9%	129	2375	5.43%
002-001	Williamsport High	257	96.6%	9	3.4%	266	3157	8.43%
002-002	Williamsport High	8	88.9%	1	11.1%	9	116	7.76%
003-001	Potomac Towers	11	28.9%	27	71.1%	38	745	5.10%
003-002	Emmanuel United Methodist	61	84.7%	11	15.3%	72	1191	6.05%
003-003	Emma K. Doub Elementary	115	92.7%	9	7.3%	124	1538	8.06%
003-004	Girls Inc.	40	80.0%	10	20.0%	50	1395	3.58%
004-000	Clear Spring High	136	92.5%	11	7.5%	147	2263	6.50%
005-000	Hancock Middle/Sr. High	36	87.8%	5	12.2%	41	2309	1.78%
006-001	Boonsboro High	155	95.1%	8	4.9%	163	2118	7.70%
006-002	Boonsboro Middle	97	81.5%	22	18.5%	119	2553	4.66%
007-001	Smithsburg Elementary	103	83.1%	21	16.9%	124	2416	5.13%
007-002	Smithsburg High	75	83.3%	15	16.7%	90	2100	4.29%
008-000	Rohrersville	82	83.7%	16	16.3%	98	1871	5.24%
009-000	Leitersburg	111	77.1%	33	22.9%	144	2042	7.05%
010-001	E. Russell Hicks	285	84.8%	51	15.2%	336	2817	11.93%
010-002	Rockland Woods Elementary	298	95.5%	14	4.5%	312	3325	9.38%
010-003	Eastern Elementary	94	74.6%	32	25.4%	126	1426	8.84%
010-004	Tech High	130	97.0%	4	3.0%	134	866	15.47%
010-005	Eastern Elementary	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	5	36	13.89%
010-006	Rockland Woods Elementary	51	100.0%	0	0.0%	51	227	22.47%
011-001	Pleasant Valley/Knoxville	21	72.4%	8	27.6%	29	893	3.25%
011-002	Potomac Valley/Dargan	10	83.3%	2	16.7%	12	459	2.61%
012-000	Fairplay	115	97.5%	3	2.5%	118	1971	5.99%
013-001	Maughansville Elementary	216	90.0%	24	10.0%	240	2686	8.94%
013-002	Maughansville Ruritan	93	82.3%	20	17.7%	113	1741	6.49%
013-003	Maughansville Ruritan	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	9	0.00%
014-001	Ringgold	33	78.6%	9	21.4%	42	813	5.17%
014-002	Cascade	11	84.6%	2	15.4%	13	890	1.46%
015-000	Big Pool	54	93.1%	4	6.9%	58	1451	4.00%
016-000	Greenbrier Elementary	211	85.4%	36	14.6%	247	2881	8.57%
017-000	Bester	219	76.8%	66	23.2%	285	4081	6.98%
018-001	Bethel United Methodist/Smithsburg	125	86.8%	19	13.2%	144	2118	6.80%
018-002	Maranatha Brethren	170	75.9%	54	24.1%	224	2344	9.56%
018-003	HCC ARCC	201	74.2%	70	25.8%	271	3507	7.73%
018-004	Maranatha Brethren	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	11	9.09%
019-000	Little Antietam/Keedysville	87	90.6%	9	9.4%	96	1925	4.99%
020-000	Downsville	129	94.9%	7	5.1%	136	1578	8.62%
021-001	Potomac Heights	103	62.0%	63	38.0%	166	2537	6.54%
021-002	North High	114	76.5%	35	23.5%	149	2061	7.23%
021-003	Northern Middle	67	62.6%	40	37.4%	107	1084	9.87%
022-001	Trinity Lutheran	40	40.8%	58	59.2%	98	2004	4.89%
022-002	Pangborn	85	78.0%	24	22.0%	109	1953	5.58%
023-000	Wilson Ruritan	291	94.8%	16	5.2%	307	3538	8.68%
024-001	WACOHU	53	96.4%	2	3.6%	55	548	10.04%
025-001	Bethel Gardens	12	37.5%	20	62.5%	32	957	3.34%
025-002	Western Heights	102	75.6%	33	24.4%	135	2697	5.01%
025-003	Salem Avenue	144	80.0%	36	20.0%	180	2449	7.35%
026-001	St. Joseph's	291	99.0%	3	1.0%	294	2221	13.24%
026-002	Lincolnshire Elementary	268	97.8%	6	2.2%	274	1952	14.04%
026-003	Valley Grace Brethren	116	97.5%	3	2.5%	119	1106	10.76%
026-004	Hickory Elementary	267	99.6%	1	0.4%	268	2232	12.01%
027-001	Fountaindale Elementary	188	64.4%	104	35.6%	292	2536	11.51%
027-002	Paramount Elementary	146	76.8%	44	23.2%	190	2994	6.35%
027-003	Paramount Elementary	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	24	8.33%
		6257		1127		7384	99137	7.45%
City Precinct's Total Voter Turnout		1113	72.0%	432	28.0%	1545		

Proposed Early Voting Center - 2022 Elections Early Voting Center Selection Form, Part 7 - Attachments, #2 (p. 8)

Please review peak hour data to determine if your early voting centers are of sufficient size to handle voter traffic. If you plan to have more early voting centers than is shown in "# of EVCs" column (Column I), please update the number. The remaining values will adjust accordingly. Early voting documents are posted on the Online Library under "Early Voting."

County	2024 Primary Election											
	Est VR	Est % Turnout	Est Turnout	Est % EV Turnout	Est EV Turnout	EV Days	Daily EV Turnout	# of EVCs	EVC Turnout	EV Hours	Hourly EV Turnout	Peak Hour
Allegany	44,360	45%	19,962	12%	2,395	8	299	1	299	12	25	136
Anne Arundel	436,846	45%	196,581	23%	45,214	8	5,652	9	628	12	52	175 - 246
Baltimore City	422,386	45%	190,074	18%	34,213	8	4,277	7	611	12	51	44 - 246
Baltimore County	590,000	44%	259,600	24%	62,304	8	7,788	11	708	12	59	198 - 355
Calvert	70,942	37%	26,249	26%	6,825	8	853	3	284	12	24	206
Caroline	22,853	43%	9,827	21%	2,064	8	258	1	258	12	21	116
Carroll	134,243	42.5%	57,053	22%	12,552	8	1,569	3	523	12	44	161 - 229
Cecil	74,320	36%	26,755	20%	5,351	8	669	2	334	12	28	210
Charles	130,629	41%	53,558	24%	12,854	8	1,607	3	536	12	45	203 - 232
Dorchester	23,520	44%	10,349	19%	1,966	8	246	1	246	12	20	102
Frederick	211,939	41%	86,895	17%	14,772	8	1,847	4	462	12	38	80 - 287
Garrett	20,917	51%	10,668	22%	2,347	8	293	2	147	12	12	18 - 100
Harford	202,067	47.5%	95,982	24%	23,036	8	2,879	4	720	12	60	188 - 390
Howard	242,599	44.5%	107,957	24%	25,910	8	3,239	5	648	12	54	245 - 395
Kent	14,256	45%	6,415	24%	1,540	8	192	1	192	12	16	97
Montgomery	719,907	42%	302,361	19%	57,449	8	7,181	14	513	12	43	238 - 388
Prince George's	652,178	40%	260,871	24%	62,609	8	7,826	13	602	12	50	174 - 430
Queen Anne's	42,376	48%	20,340	29%	5,899	8	737	2	369	12	31	126 - 180
St. Mary's	80,894	39%	31,549	25%	7,887	8	986	3	329	12	27	220
Somerset	14,605	42%	6,134	22%	1,350	8	169	1	169	12	14	79
Talbot	29,656	50%	14,828	32%	4,745	8	593	1	593	12	49	230
Washington	103,697	39%	40,442	17%	6,875	8	859	2	430	12	36	233
Wicomico	68,575	44%	30,173	22%	6,638	8	830	2	415	12	35	230
Worcester	44,645	46%	20,537	19%	3,902	8	488	1	488	12	41	162

Notes:

These numbers are for planning purposes only and for determining whether a proposed early voting center can accommodate the expected number of voters.

"Est VR" is the estimated number of active, registered voters as of the close of registration for the 2024 Primary Election.

"Est % Turnout" is the percentage of voters who are expected to vote in the 2024 Primary Election.

"Est Turnout" is the number of voters who are expected to vote in the 2024 Primary Election.

"Est % EV Turnout" is the percentage of participating voters who are expected to vote during early voting in the 2024 Primary Election.

"Est EV Turnout" is the number of voters who are expected to vote during early voting in the 2024 Primary Election.

"EV Days" is the number of days of early voting.

"Daily EV Turnout" is the number of voters expected to vote each day of early voting. This is calculated by dividing the "Est EV Turnout" by "EV Days." This assumes that the number of voters each day of early voting is constant.

"# of EVCs" is the number of early voting centers in each county for the 2024 Primary Election. If this number is incorrect, please enter the correct value. Data in other cells will adjust based on the number of early voting centers.

"EVC Turnout" is the estimated turnout for each early voting center. This is calculated by dividing "Daily EV Turnout" by "# of EVCs." This assumes that the number of voters at each early voting center is constant.

"EV Hours" is the number of hours each early voting center is open for voting each day during the 2024 General Election.

"EV Hourly Turnout" is the estimated turnout each hour of early voting. This is calculated by dividing "EVC Turnout" by "EV Hours." This assumes that the number of voters voting each hour is constant.

peak voting hour for each early voting center is in the "2016 General Peak Voting Hours" or "2018 Gen Hourly Turnout Data" tab. Due to the changes to the 2020 General Election, 2020 data will not be used to calculate peak voting hours.

Maryland State Board of Elections

Proposed Early Voting Center Site – 2024 Elections



County: _____

Check one: Proposed Site # ___ of ___

Alternate Site # ___ of _____

Part 1 – Proposed Facility Information

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address

City

Zip

Who owns this facility? ___ State ___ County ___ Municipal ___ Private

Location of voting area in proposed facility: _____

Facility Contact Information: _____

Name

Title

Day Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Is this facility also used as a polling place on election day? ___ Yes ___ No

Is this facility a community center? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please provide the name of the community served by the facility:

Is this facility a public gathering place? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please provide a description of the nature of the public gatherings held at the facility:

Part 2 – Questionnaire

1. Connectivity and Utilities.

a. What data connection options can you use at the facility?

___ DSL ___ Dish ___ Cable ___ FIOS

b. What is the current available bandwidth (e.g., 0.5 megabytes per second)?

c. If necessary, will the proposed facility allow you to install a dedicated high bandwidth network connection (DSL or cable)? Note: Include in the *Agreement for Early Voting Center* language authorizing your LBE to install a network connection.

___ Yes ___ No ___ Not applicable

d. Does the proposed facility have phone service that election officials can use, or is there acceptable cell phone service?

___ Yes ___ No

e. Does the proposed facility have a back-up power source or the ability to connect a facility-wide generator?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, describe the back-up power source and provide date it was last tested.

f. Does the proposed facility have sufficient and reliable heating and air-conditioning capabilities?

___ Yes ___ No

If no, which temperature system is **not** sufficient and reliable? Describe the insufficient system.

___ Heating ___ Air conditioning

2. *Accessibility.*

a. Is the proposed facility currently accessible for voters with disabilities?

___ Yes ___ No

b. If no, can the proposed facility be made accessible with modifications?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, what modifications are needed?

Note: If yes, include in the *Agreement for Early Voting Center* language either requiring the facility to make the necessary modifications or authorizing your LBE to make them.

3. *Population Density.*

a. For counties with 3 or more early voting centers only: Considering all of the proposed facilities, do 80% of the registered voters live within 5 miles of one of the proposed early voting centers?

Yes No

b. For counties with 2 early voting centers: Considering both proposed facilities, do 50% of the registered voters live within 10 miles of one of the proposed early voting centers?

Yes No

c. For counties with 1 early voting center: Do 50% of the registered voters live within 10 miles of the proposed early voting center?

Yes No

4. *Historically Disenfranchised Communities*

a. Is this facility within the boundaries of a precinct or serves precincts with an above average percentage of diverse residents and a below average percentage of voter turnout?

Yes No

If no, please explain why not?

b. If there are shaded precincts on both maps that are not served by at least one early voting center, please explain why these precincts are not served by the early voting centers. For example, there is no facility available, serving these precincts means that we don't meet the population density requirement, etc. (Your answer to this question can be used for all other early voting center forms.)

5. *Facility Layout.*

a. Estimate how many voters can stand in line:

- 1) From the entrance of the facility to the check-in tables _____
- 2) For an available ExpressVote unit after having been checked in to vote _____
- 3) For an available voting booth after having received a regular ballot _____
- 4) For an available scanner after having marked the ballot _____

Tip: Allocate 18 - 24 inches for each voter in line.

b. Is there an area of sufficient size and protected from inclement weather where voters can wait if there are long lines?

Yes No

c. Is the voting area in the proposed facility large enough to accommodate the check-in and voting process, election judges, challengers and watchers, the projected hourly turnout of early voters, provisional voting, and the same day registration process? See early voting calculations on the Excel worksheet.

Note: For same day registration, each early voting center will need one election judge, one electronic pollbook, a pollbook printer, barcode scanner, and other equipment and materials.

Yes No

d. Does the owner expect any building changes or renovations before early voting starts?

Yes No

If yes:

1) Will the changes or renovations affect the ability to conduct early voting?

Yes No

If yes, describe how early voting will be conducted after the changes or renovations?

2) When will the changes or renovations start and end?

Start: _____ End: _____

e. Consider how many check-in stations, voting booths, and ExpressVote units you expect to deploy. Is there space in the voting area to add more:

1) Check-in stations (check-in judges and electronic pollbooks)?

Yes No

If yes, how many additional check-in stations can be added? 2

2) Voting booths?

Yes No

If yes, how many additional voting booths can be added? _____

3) ExpressVote units?

Yes No

If yes, how many additional Express Vote units can be added? _____

6. *Electioneering.*

a. Is there an area 100 feet¹ from the entrance to the proposed facility where individuals can safely electioneer?

Yes No

b. Will the proposed facility allow electioneering² and exit polling activities on its property during early voting hours? Note: Include in the *Agreement for Early Voting Center* language authorizing electioneering and exit polling.

Yes No

7. *Public Access.* Is the proposed facility:

a. Accessible by public transportation?

Yes No

If yes, please complete table below.

Type of Transportation (<i>e.g.</i> , bus, metro, light rail)	Route or Line Number	Distance from the station or stop to the proposed facility

Note: Consider asking your jurisdiction’s public transportation agency to make temporary changes to bus routes to accommodate voters using public transportation to vote during early voting. These changes could include moving a stop near the early voting center to the entrance of the early voting facility or adding a new stop at the entrance of the facility.

¹ In Montgomery County, the local board can locate the “no electioneering” boundary between 25 feet and 100 feet from the facility’s entrance.

² A public facility must allow electioneering in the designated area and allow access for electioneering purposes from 5 pm the day before early voting begins through 8 am the day after early voting ends. The law states that a private facility cannot be used as an early voting center unless the facility’s owner agrees to these requirements. See Election Law Article, §10-101.

b. Easily accessible by major well known roads in the county?

Yes No

c. Easy to enter and exit?

Yes No

d. Served by roads free from restrictions (such as lane restrictions, traffic signal restrictions or one-way traffic patterns) that would make access difficult or confusing?

Yes No

e. Potentially impacted by any major events (e.g., scheduled road work, major event at or near the proposed facility)?

Yes No

If yes, explain the event and how it might impact early voting at the proposed facility.

8. *Parking.*

a. How many parking spots will be:

1) Designated exclusively for early voters? _____

2) Available for early voting and other activities at the facility? _____

b. If the facility limits parking on certain days or certain times of the day, please list the days and hours when parking is limited and describe where alternate parking is available.

c. Does the parking have time limits?

Yes No

If yes, describe the limits.

9. *LBE Office as Proposed Early Voting Center.* If the proposed facility is your LBE office, is the area in which early voting will be conducted separate or can be made separate and distinct from the office and its other activities, including absentee voting?

___ Yes ___ No _____ Not applicable

Part 3 – Other Information

Describe any additional factors (such as cost and convenience) that were considered when proposing this proposed facility.

Part 4 – Exceptions

If you answered NO to any of the questions in Part 2, complete this section.

1. What factors mitigate the fact that the proposed facility cannot meet the specified criteria?

Question #	Mitigating Factor(s)
<i>Example 7</i>	<i>Although there is limited parking, there is ample free street parking available at the proposed site.</i>

2. What other locations were considered and why were they rejected?

Site Name and Address	Reason for rejection

Part 5 – Additional Facility Information

1. *Layout Information.*

	Sq. feet in voting area	Electrical outlets in voting area	Entrances to voting area	Windows in voting area
Quantity				

2. *Facility's Other Uses.*

a. Is the proposed facility used for other purposes or shared with other businesses or tenants?

___ Yes ___ No

1) If yes, list the name of the businesses or tenants and their hours of operations.

Name of Business or Tenant	Hours of Operations

2) If yes, do any of the other businesses in the facility sell alcohol?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, provide the distance (in feet) from the entrance of the proposed facility to the entrance to the business or tenant that sells alcohol.

Name of Business or Tenant Selling Alcohol	Distance from Entrance to EV Center

Part 6 – Proposed Equipment and Staffing Information

Enter the proposed quantities of equipment and staff.

	Electronic Pollbooks (include 1 for same day registration)	OS Scanners	Election Judges
Quantity			

Part 7 – Attachments

To request approval of a proposed early voting center, submit the following:

1. This completed form
2. Excel spreadsheet with turnout estimates
3. Signed or draft agreement with the facility
4. Completed accessibility survey
5. Early Voting Center Security Plan
6. Digital photos of the outside of and entrance to the proposed facility. Submit via email to melissia.dorsey1@maryland.gov or on a CD.
7. If the proposed facility is your LBE office, an office layout diagram
8. Site map for the inside of the voting room. Include: (1) entrances to and windows in the voting room; (2) electrical outlets; (3) data connection; (4) check-in tables; (5) ExpressVote units, including unit set up for voters who need or prefer to sit while voting; (6) same day registration and provisional voting area; (7) DS200 scanning unit(s); (8) proposed voter flow from check in process through scanning voted ballot; (9) area where voters who have checked-in to vote wait for an available ExpressVote unit; and (10) area where voters with voted ballots wait for an available DS200 scanning unit.
9. Site map for the outside of the facility. Include the “no electioneering” zone, the area where voters can stand in line before entering the facility, and where a ballot drop box could be placed. If there is an area where voters can wait in line and be protected from inclement weather, show that area on the site map.
10. Early Voting Modem Signal Strength Test form

Part 8 – Completing this Form

Did your regional manager assist you with this form? Yes No

Person Completing this Form (Print)

Date

STATE OF MARYLAND

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY

SURVEY FORM

LBE NAME:

Election District/Precinct <small><i>(please include full consolidation if applicable)</i></small>	
Polling Place Name	
Polling Place Address/Location	
Name and Contact Phone Number of Polling Place Owner or Responsible Person	

(check one)

INITIAL SURVEY	
FOLLOW-UP SURVEY	

SURVEYOR INFORMATION

Person Completing ADA Survey Form	<i>Name</i>	
	<i>Job Title and Organization/Agency of Affiliation</i>	
	<i>Telephone Number</i>	

All Person(s) accompanying surveyor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Name(s)</i> • <i>Address(es)</i> • <i>Telephone number(s)</i> • <i>Organization/agency of affiliation</i> 	

Date on which inspection was conducted:	
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INSTRUCTIONS

This form is a fusion of the Department of Justice's ADA Checklist for Polling Places and the 2009 survey form developed by the State Board of Elections and the Committee to Study Polling Place Accessibility. This form is designed to allow for a practical evaluation of the accessibility of each polling place. The form should be completed during the course of an on-site inspection of the polling place. Such an inspection should take between 30 minutes to an hour depending on the nature and location of the polling place. It will be necessary to use certain tools or instruments during the course of the inspection. You should have no less than: a tape measure, or other tool to measure distances of up to 200 feet; a level, or other tool to measure slope; and a fish scale, or other tool to measure pound pressure on a door. Do not attempt to conduct an inspection without the necessary tools.

It is important that you answer every question on the form. If you cannot answer the question yes or no, indicate in the comment section why the question cannot be answered or is inapplicable. For example, if the polling place does not have an elevator, check the "N/A: No elevator" option or write "N/A No Elevator" in the comments section corresponding to the elevator questions. If you have answered a question "No," please explain your answer. For example, if you have answered "No" to the question of whether the walkway to the polling place is free of protrusions, describe the protrusion in the path and the height of the protrusion. If a question asks whether a certain minimum or maximum measurement is met and the answer is "No," please set forth the actual measurement. For example, if you have answered "No" as to whether the pathway to the polling place is no less than 36 inches wide, state in the comments section how wide the pathway is and whether this width is uniform. Please print legibly.

Some questions on this form have the N/A option square marked out. This means that the question cannot be answered N/A and must be answered with either Yes or No. For example, questions C9, C10, and E6 all ask whether the pathway of the route along which the voter is travelling has a slope no greater than the limit mentioned in the question. Since there will always be a pathway on which the voter is travelling, these questions can only be answered Yes or No. Even if the route(s) in these questions appear flat enough to the eye, they still should be measured to see if there is a slope. If there is no slope or a slope that is less than or equal to the limit mentioned in the question, then the answer will be Yes. If you believe that N/A still does apply to the question, please explain the situation in the comments.

Remember that you have the advantage of being at the polling place site whereas others reviewing this form will not. Therefore, make all necessary comments to describe any deficiencies. There is a general comments section at the end of the form in which you should take the time to offer any suggestions as to how the polling place can be made more "user-friendly" to those with and without disabilities. Take extra paper with you to allow you the opportunity to add more thorough comments or sketch diagrams if necessary.

Once the survey form is completed and signed, please send a copy of the form and (if applicable), the Remedial Action form to SBE.

PARKING

N/A: No off-street parking (parking lot)
 If there is no off-street parking (i.e. a parking lot) available, describe the parking situation in the Remedial Action Form.

A

Only complete this section if off-street parking (a parking lot/area) is provided to voters. If off-street parking is not provided to voters, check N/A 'No off-street parking' above. Then describe the parking situation and any accessible parking solutions (if applicable) at the polling place on the Remedial Action form. Please include in your description whether there are existing on-street parking spaces marked as accessible and if they connect to an accessible route to the accessible entrance of the polling place. Once you've described the parking situation, go to Section B.

There must be at least one designated van accessible space available for election day. If more than 25 parking spaces are provided to voters, see the Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces chart after the comments section to see the required minimum number of accessible parking spaces and van accessible spaces that must be present on election days. The chart, which follows ADA guidelines and additional Maryland parking requirements, is based off of the Technical Requirements for Parking according to the Americans with Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and COMAR 05.02.02

		<i>(check one)</i>		
		YES	NO	N/A
A	If there is off-street parking (a parking lot), are spaces either permanently or temporarily designated for individuals with disabilities?			
A1	Is there at least one designated van accessible space with signage with the International Symbol of Accessibility and designated "van accessible"? (§§208.2, 208.2.4, 502.6)			
A2	Are the designated van accessible spaces at least 96" wide with a 96" wide access aisle, or 132" wide with a 60" wide access aisle? (§§502.2, 502.3) Width of space _____ Width of access aisle _____			
A3	For van accessible spaces (particularly in a garage or parking structure), is there vertical clearance of at least 98" for the vehicular route to the parking space, in the parking space and access aisle, and along the vehicular route to the exit? (§502.5)			

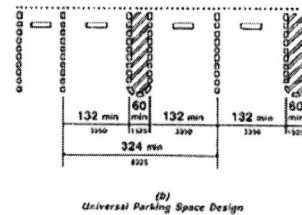
A4	Are designated accessible parking spaces and the access aisles serving them on a level surface, with slopes not exceeding 1:48 in all directions? (Note: Curb ramps may not be part of an access aisle since they include slopes greater than 1:48.) (§502.4)			
A5	Are the surfaces of the designated accessible parking spaces and access aisles stable, firm, and slip resistant? (§§502.4, 302.1) (i.e. concrete, asphalt, macadam)			
A6	Are the designated accessible parking spaces located on the shortest accessible route to the accessible entrance? (§208.3.1)			
Aa*	Is adequate lighting in the parking area?			
Ab*	Are the accessible parking spaces within a reasonable distance (200 feet) of the building? (If no, state distance in comments section)			
Comments:				

Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces COMAR 05.02.02			
Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided (per lot)	Total Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces (60" & 96" aisles)	Van Accessible Parking Spaces with min. 96" wide access aisle	Accessible Parking Spaces with min. 60" wide access aisle
	Column A		
1 to 25	1	1	0
26 to 50	2	1	1
51 to 75	3	1	2
76 to 100	4	1	3
101 to 150	5	2	3
151 to 200	6	2	4
201 to 300	7	2	5
301 to 400	8	2	6
401 to 500	9	3	6
501 to 1000	2% of total parking provided in each lot	1/4 of Column A*	3/4 of Column A**
1001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000	1/4 of Column A*	3/4 of Column A**
* one out of every 4 accessible spaces		** 3 out of every 4 accessible parking spaces	

Except as provided in (b), access aisles adjacent to accessible spaces shall be 60 in (1525 mm) wide minimum.

(b) One in every four accessible spaces, but not less than one, shall be served by an access aisle 96 in (2440 mm) wide minimum and shall be designated "van accessible" as required by COMAR 05.02.02, EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2002. The vertical clearance at such spaces shall comply with 4.6.5. All such spaces may be grouped on one level of a parking structure.

EXCEPTION: Provision of all required parking spaces in conformance with "Universal Parking Design is permitted.

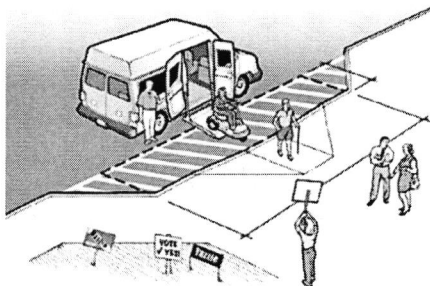


PASSENGER DROP-OFF AREA

B

N/A: No Passenger Drop-Off Area

Only complete this section if a passenger drop-off area is provided for voters. If a drop-off area is not provided to voters, please check 'N/A: No Passenger Drop-off Area' above and go to Section C.



		<i>(check one)</i>		
		YES	NO	N/A
B1	Is the vehicle pull-up space on a level surface, with slopes not exceeding 1:48 in all directions? (§503.4)			
B2	Is the access aisle next to the vehicle pull-up space on a level surface, with a slope not exceeding 1:48 in all directions? (§503.4)			
B3	Is there vertical clearance of at least 114" (9 feet 6 inches) from the site entrance to the vehicle pull-up area, in the access aisle, and along the vehicular route to the exit? (§503.5)			
B4	Is a curb ramp provided if a curb separates the access aisle from the accessible route to the accessible entrance? (§§206.2.1, 503.3)			
B5	Is the width of the curb ramp surface at least 36" (not counting the side flares)? (§405.5)			
<p>A diagram showing a cross-section of a curb ramp. A dimension line indicates a width of 36" min.</p>				
B6	Does an accessible route connect the access aisle and curb ramp to the accessible entrance of the polling place? (§206.2)			

Comments:

EXTERIOR ROUTE TO THE ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE

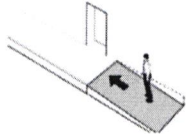
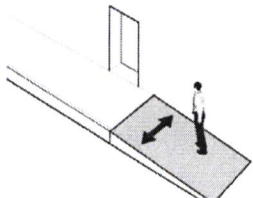
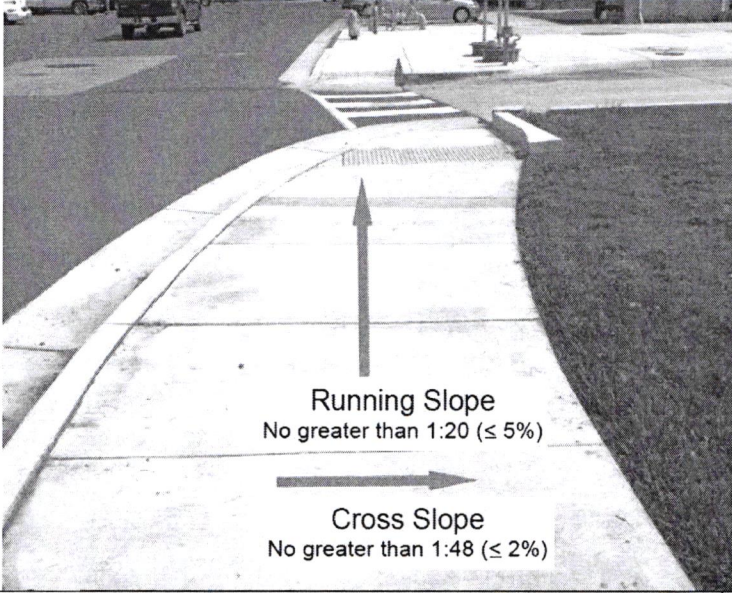
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Exterior Route to Accessible Entrance

Complete a separate Exterior Route form, when applicable, for the routes from 1) parking, 2) passenger drop-off areas, 3) public sidewalks and 4) public transportation stops.

Exterior route location:

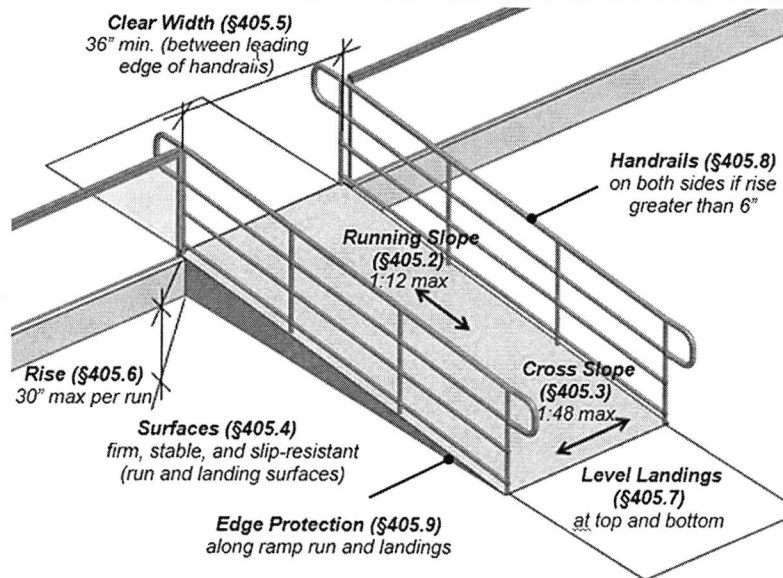
		<i>(check one)</i>		
		YES	NO	N/A
C1	Is the route at least 36" wide? (§403.5.1) <i>(Is the route free of protrusions such as fire hydrants, tree trunks, etc.? If not, describe protrusions in comments.)</i>			
C2	Is the route free of abrupt changes in level greater than ½", including stairs? (§303)			
C3	Is the route free of surface openings greater than ½", such as grates or holes in the pavement? (§302.3)			
C4	Are walking surfaces stable, firm, and slip resistant? (§302.1)			
C5	Is the route free of wall mounted objects that protrude more than 4" into the path of travel and are between 27" and 80" high? (§307.2) <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>			
C6	Is the route free of post mounted objects that protrude more than 12" into the path of travel and are between 27" and 80" high? (§307.3)			
C7	Are objects that hang over the pedestrian route 80" or higher, including the underside of exterior stairs? (§307.4)			
C8	If the route crosses a curb, is there a curb ramp that is at least 36" wide with a slope no more than 1:12? (§§303.4, 405.2, 405.5, 406.1)			

		YES	NO	N/A												
C9	<p>Is the running slope of part of the route no greater than 1:20? (If the running slope of part of the route is greater than 1:20, check only the 'Ramp' box to the right for this question and go to the Ramp questions starting with question C11(§402.2)</p> <p>*Question must be answered with Yes or No or Ramp</p> 															
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ramp: (Please answer the ramp questions starting with Question C11)														
C10	<p>Is the cross slope of the accessible route no greater than 1:48? (§§403.3, 405.3)</p> <p>*Question must be with Yes or No</p>  <table border="1" data-bbox="921 542 1143 749"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">1:48 Slope (Ratio Equivalents)</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>MAX RISE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1 ft</td> <td>¼ inch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 ft</td> <td>½ inch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 ft</td> <td>¾ inch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 ft</td> <td>1 inch</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	1:48 Slope (Ratio Equivalents)			MAX RISE	1 ft	¼ inch	2 ft	½ inch	3 ft	¾ inch	4 ft	1 inch			
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Ca*	Are all stairs or steps along the walkway or pathway to the building either ramped or else provided with an alternative means of access? (If alternate means, describe in comments.)															
Cb*	Do stairs or steps along the walkway or pathway to the building have non-slip surfaces and handrails extending at least one foot beyond the landings?															
Cc*	Are walkways well-lighted?															
Cd*	Are there signs which identify the accessible route of travel if that route is different from the primary route?															

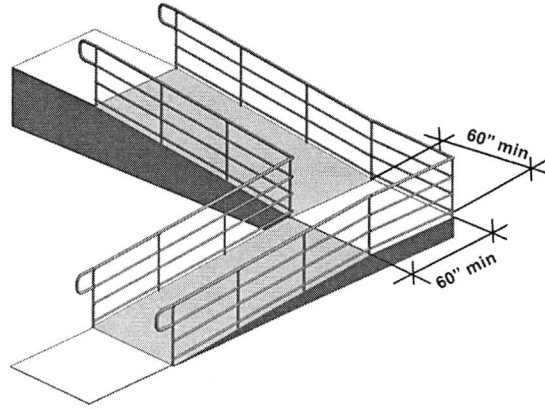
RAMPS ENTERING THE BUILDING

N/A: No Exterior Ramp

(Complete a separate ramp form for each ramp if there is more than 1 exterior ramp that will be used. If there is no exterior ramp, check 'N/A: No Exterior Ramp', above)



		<i>(check one)</i>		
		YES	NO	N/A
C11	Is the running slope of the ramp no greater than 1:12? (§405.2)			
C12	Is the cross slope of the ramp 1:48 or less? (§405.3)			
C13	Is the rise (height) for any ramp run 30" or less? (§405.6)			
C14	Is the ramp, measured between handrails, at least 36" wide? (§405.5)			
C15	Does the ramp have a level landing that is at least 60" long, at the top and bottom of each ramp section? (§405.7)			
C16	For every 30" of rise, is a level landing at least 60" long provided? (§§405.6, 405.7)			
C17	Is a level landing, at least 60" by 60" provided where the ramp changes direction? (§405.7.4)			

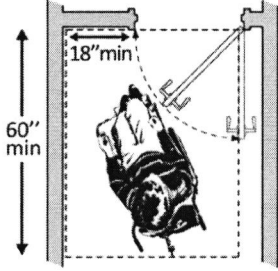
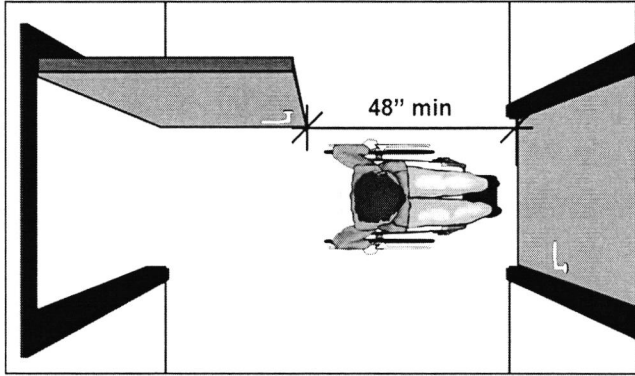


C18	If the rise of the ramp is greater than 6", are handrails provided that are between 34" and 38" above the ramp surface? (§§405.8, 505.4)			
C19	If the rise of the ramp is greater than 6" and the ramp or landing has a vertical drop-off on either side of the ramp, is edge protection provided? (§405.9) <i>(Are ramps and landing areas with drop-offs provided with a 2-inch curb at the side to prevent slipping off the ramp?)</i>			
Ce*	If there is a door at the top of the ramp, is there a level space of at least 5 feet by 5 feet where a person using a wheelchair can rest while the door is opened? (If no, state the width of the ramp as well as whether the ramp is perpendicular or parallel to the entrance.)			
Cf*	Can handrails be gripped, meaning they are between 1 ¼ and 1 ½ inches in diameter and 1 ½ inches from wall?			
Comments:				

POLLING PLACE ENTRANCE

D

(check one)

		YES	NO	N/A
D1	Is the clear width of the door opening (one door or one active leaf of a double door) at least 32"? (§404.2.3)			
D2	Is each door hardware useable with one hand without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist? (§§309.4, 404.2.7)			
D3	On the pull side of the door, is there at least 18" of clearance provided to the side of the latch? (§§404.2.4.4)			
				
D4	Is the area in front of the door level, with slopes no greater than 1:48 in all directions? (§§404.2.4.4, 405.7.1)			
D5	If there are doors in a series, is the distance between the two hinged doors at least 48" plus the width of the door swinging into the space? (§404.2.6)			
				
D6	Can the second door (interior door) in the series be opened with no more than 5 pounds of force? (§309.4)			
D7	Does the second door (interior door) in the series comply with D2, D3, and D4, above?			
D8	Are door thresholds no higher than 1/2"? (Note: If the threshold is between 1/4" and 1/2" it must be beveled.) (§404.2.5)			

ROUTE FROM ENTRANCE INTO VOTING AREA		E		
		(check one)		
		YES	NO	N/A
E1	Is the route at least 36" wide? (§403.5.1)			
E2	Is the route free of wall mounted objects that protrude more than 4" into the path of travel and are between 27" and 80" high? (§307.2)			
E3	Is the route free of post mounted objects that protrude more than 12" into the path of travel and are between 27" and 80" high? (§307.3)			
E4	Are objects that hang over the route 80" or higher, including the underside of stairs? (§307.4)			
E5	Is the route free of abrupt changes in level greater than 1/2", including stairs? (§303)			
E6	Is the running slope of part of the route no greater than 1:20? (If the running slope of part of the route is greater than 1:20, check only the 'Ramp' box to the right for this question and go to the Ramp questions starting with question H1 (§ 303.4) *Question must be answered with Yes or No or Ramp			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ramp: (Please answer the ramp questions starting with question H1)		
E7	If the route to the voting area has stairs, is a platform lift or elevator provided? If yes, go to Section G (lifts) or Section F (elevators). (§402.2)			
E8	If doors are provided along the route to the voting area, is the clear width of each door opening (one door or one active leaf of a double door) at least 32"? (§404.2.3)			
E9	Is each door hardware useable with one hand without tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist? (§§309.4, 404.2.7)			
E10	Can each door be opened with no more than 5 pounds of force? (§309.4)			
E11	Is the threshold at each door no higher than 1/2"? (Note: If the threshold is between 1/4" and 1/2" it must be beveled.) (§404.2.5)			
E12	On the pull side of each door, is there at least 18" of clearance provided to the side of the latch? (§404.2.4)			
E13	Is the area in front of each door level, with slopes no greater than 1:48 in all directions? (§§404.2.4.4, 405.7.1)			

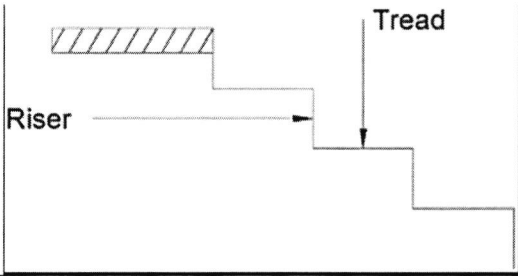
Ea*	Is there sufficient lighting at all points along the route?			
Eb*	<i>Is there a seating or rest area in any corridor longer than 200 ft?</i>			
Ec*	Does the corridor have a non-slip surface?			
Ed*	Are all rugs and mats securely fastened?			

STAIRS (along the route)

If there are no stairs please check N/A: No stairs below.

N/A: No Stairs	<input type="checkbox"/>
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(check one)

		YES	NO	N/A
Ee*	<i>Do stairs have a non-slip surface?</i>			
Ef*	<i>Do stairs have handrails between 34 - 38 inches above step level?</i>			
Eg*	<i>Can handrails be gripped, meaning they are between 1 ¼ and 1 ½ inches in diameter and 1 ½ inches from the wall?</i>			
Eh*	<i>Do all steps have risers (little vertical walls at the back of each step)?</i>			
Ei*	<i>Do all steps have tread areas at least 11 inches deep?</i>			
				
Ej*	<i>Are all steps less than 7 inches in height?</i>			
Ek*	<i>Are stairs well lit?</i>			
EI*	<i>Are stairs free of obstacles?</i>			

Comments:

<h1>ELEVATORS</h1> <p>(Answer only if elevators are the only accessible route; if not, check N/A: No Elevator below)</p>		(check one)		
		YES	NO	N/A
N/A: No Elevator <input type="checkbox"/>		F		
F	Are elevators the only accessible route? If not, check 'N/A: No Elevator' above.			
F1	Is the elevator car door opening at least 36" wide? (§407.3.6, Table 407.4.1)			
F2	Is there space to maneuver within the elevator car, e.g., 51" deep and 68" wide; OR 80" deep and 54" wide; OR 60" deep and 60" wide? (§407.4.1)			
F3	Are hallway elevator call buttons 48" high or lower? (§§407.2.1.1, 308.2, 308.3)			
F4	Are elevator car controls 48" high or lower? (§§407.4.6.1, 308.2, 308.3)			
F5	Does the elevator have visible and audible signals in the hallway to indicate the arrival and direction of the elevator car? (§407.2.2.1)			
F6	Does the elevator have visible and audible signals within the elevator car to indicate the position of the car? (§407.4.8)			
Fa*	<i>Are control panels marked with raised lettering?</i>			
Fb*	<i>Can control buttons be activated by an object not emitting heat?</i>			
Comments:				

LIFTS

(If there is not a lift, please check N/A 'No Lift' below)

N/A: No Lift

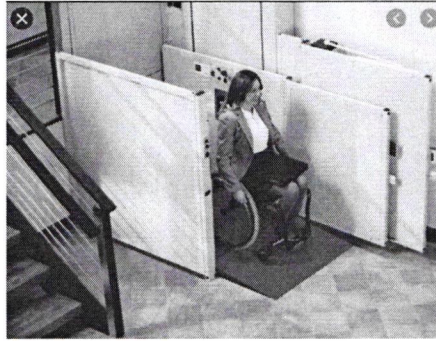
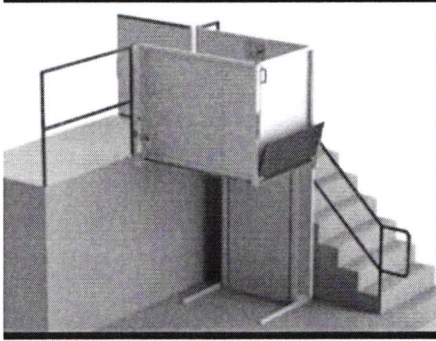
G

(check one)

YES NO N/A

G1 Is the lift operational at the time of the survey? (28 C.F.R. §§35.130, 35.133)

(Examples of Lifts)



G2 Is the lift independently operable, or can it be made so during early voting and on election day? (§410.1)

G3 Is there 30" by 48" of clear floor space within the lift? (§§410.3, 305.3)

G4 Are the controls for the lift no higher than 48"? (§§410.5, 309.3, 308)

G5 Are the controls useable with one hand without tight grasping, pinching or twisting? (§§410.5, 309.4)

G6 Is the clear width of the door opening/gate opening at the end of the lift at least 32"? If a side door/gate is provided, is the clear opening width at least 42"? (§410.6)

Comments:

RAMPS: INTERIOR

H

(Complete a separate ramp form for each ramp if there is more than 1 interior ramp that will be used. If there is no ramp check N/A: No Interior Ramp, below)

(check one)

N/A: No Interior Ramp

YES **NO** **N/A**

H1 Is the running slope of the ramp no greater than 1:12? (§405.2)

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Comments:

WITHIN THE VOTING AREA		I		
		<i>(check one)</i>		
		YES	NO	N/A
I1	Are floor surfaces stable, firm, and slip resistant? (§302.1)			
I2	Is the route free of wall mounted objects that protrude more than 4" into the path of travel and are between 27" and 80" high? (§307.2)			
I3	Is the route free of post mounted objects that protrude more than 12" into the path of travel and are between 27" and 80" high? (§307.3)			
I4	Are objects that hang over the route 80" or higher, including the underside of stairs? (§307.4)			
I5	Is there enough room to provide a route at least 36" wide to the registration table and voting stations (privacy booths and voting machines)? (§403.5.1)			
I6	Is there enough room to provide a turning space in front of at least one voting booth and scanning unit, such as a circle that is at least 60" in diameter? (§304.3)			
I7	Is there enough room to provide a turning space in front of at least one accessible voting machine, such as a circle that is at least 60" in diameter? (§304.3)			
Ia*	<i>Is there adequate lighting in the voting area?</i>			
Ib*	<i>Is seating available for elderly or voters with disabilities awaiting their turn to vote?</i>			
Comments:				

REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN AT POLLING PLACE

County/City/Election/District/Precinct:

Polling Place Name/Address/Location:

Name of Surveyor: _____ Date of Survey: _____

Describe the deficiencies identified during the survey:

Describe efforts taken or will be taken to correct or attempt to correct the problem(s):

If not accessible, describe efforts taken to notify voters and any responses:

Had this polling place been identified as **Accessible after Corrective Measures** after the survey?

YES _____

NO _____

If yes, did the described remedial actions correct all problems, making the polling place accessible?

YES _____

NO _____

Date

Signature of Election Employee or Surveyor

Chapter 221

(House Bill 410)

AN ACT concerning

~~Election Reform Act of 2023~~*Elections – Polling Place Plan, Prohibited Acts, and 2024 Primary Election Date*

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a local board of elections from voting to change the location of a polling place unless the local board first holds a meeting to discuss the proposed change and provides an opportunity for interested individuals and organizations to testify on the proposed change at the meeting; requiring the local board to provide written notice of the meeting to certain individuals and organizations; requiring each local board to submit a polling place plan to the State Board of Elections for approval by a certain time before each statewide primary election; establishing requirements and a prohibition for a polling place plan; requiring a local board to submit a revised polling place plan to the State Board if the State Board rejects a polling place plan; requiring certain local boards to submit certain information to the State Board concerning certain precincts at a certain time; prohibiting a person from influencing or attempting to influence, through certain means, a voter's decision whether to vote by any lawful means; ~~authorizing the official custodian for a board of elections to temporarily deny inspection of a public record under certain circumstances; requiring the official custodian to petition a court to order authorization for the continued denial of inspection within a certain time period; establishing certain hearing and appeal procedures; altering, in a certain year, the date of the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City;~~ and generally relating to elections.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article – Election Law~~

~~Section 2–303(f) and 16–201~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(a), 10–101(a)(1) and (2), and 16–1002

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 1–101(aa–1), (hh–1), and (ii–1), 2–303(h), and 2–303.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article — Election Law
 Section 16-1002
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

~~BY adding to
 Article — General Provisions
 Section 4-359
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Election Law
 Section 2-303(a)(1) and (f) and 16-201
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

1-101.

(a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated unless a different meaning is clearly intended from the context.

(AA-1) “HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES” MEANS RACIAL, ETHNIC, OR SOCIOECONOMIC GROUPS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN SUBJECT TO VOTER SUPPRESSION EFFORTS.

(HH-1) “POLLING PLACE” MEANS A PHYSICAL SPACE INSIDE A BUILDING WHERE IN-PERSON VOTING IS CONDUCTED ON ELECTION DAY.

(II-1) “PRECINCT POLLING PLACE” MEANS A POLLING PLACE DESIGNATED TO SERVE A PRECINCT.

2-303.

(a) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection AND § 2-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, as it deems it expedient for the convenience of voters, a local board may:

(i) create and alter the boundaries for precincts in the county;

(ii) designate the location for polling places in any election district, ward, or precinct in the county; and

(iii) combine or abolish precincts.

(f) Notwithstanding any restrictions imposed by **SUBSECTIONS (A) THROUGH (E) OR (G) OF** this section, **BUT** subject to **§ 2-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND** the approval of the State Board, a local board may create a new precinct or change a precinct boundary or polling place if the local board determines that an emergency exists.

(H) (1) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY IF A LOCAL BOARD IS CREATING A NEW PRECINCT OR CHANGING A PRECINCT BOUNDARY OR POLLING PLACE UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING 21 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY THROUGH ELECTION DAY.

(2) EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

(I) MAINTAIN A CONTACT LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO WISH TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT LOCAL BOARD MEETINGS AT WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES WILL BE DISCUSSED; AND

(II) ENABLE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO REGISTER FOR THE CONTACT LIST MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(3) A LOCAL BOARD MAY NOT VOTE TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF A POLLING PLACE UNLESS THE LOCAL BOARD FIRST:

(I) HOLDS A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CHANGE; AND

(II) PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO TESTIFY ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE AT THE MEETING.

(4) AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE MEETING TO:

(I) EACH INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATION ON THE CONTACT LIST MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS IF THE OFFICIAL IS ELECTED BY ELIGIBLE VOTERS RESIDING IN THE PRECINCT CONTAINING EITHER THE CURRENT POLLING PLACE LOCATION OR THE PROPOSED POLLING PLACE LOCATION:

1. THE MAYOR;
2. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;
3. EACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER;
4. EACH COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER;
5. EACH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER; AND
6. EACH MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL

ASSEMBLY.

2-303.1.

(A) AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEFORE EACH STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION, EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A POLLING PLACE PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

~~(B) A POLLING PLACE PLAN MAY NOT PROPOSE TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEPARATE BUILDINGS USED AS POLLING PLACES BY MORE THAN 5% BELOW THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEPARATE BUILDINGS USED AS POLLING PLACES IN THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION.~~

~~(C)~~ (B) A POLLING PLACE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

~~(1) A MAP SHOWING THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND THE LOCATION OF EACH POLLING PLACE TO BE USED IN THE COUNTY IN THE UPCOMING STATEWIDE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION;~~

~~(2) (1) EVIDENCE THAT THE PLAN COMPLIES WITH § 10-101(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND~~

(2) AN ANALYSIS OF HOW TO MAXIMIZE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN EACH PRECINCT; AND

(3) IF THE POLLING PLACE PLAN PROPOSES TO REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEPARATE BUILDINGS USED AS POLLING PLACES *BELOW THE TOTAL*

NUMBER OF SEPARATE BUILDINGS USED AS POLLING PLACES IN THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION:

(I) THE ADDRESS AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCATION OF EACH AFFECTED POLLING PLACE;

~~(II) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN EACH AFFECTED PRECINCT~~ AN ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE SUITABLE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE PRECINCT BOUNDARY, INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PARKING AND A DETERMINATION REGARDING BUILDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT;

(III) OF THE VOTERS WHO CAST BALLOTS IN EACH AFFECTED PRECINCT IN THE THREE MOST RECENT STATEWIDE ELECTIONS:

1. THE PERCENTAGE WHO VOTED IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY;

2. THE PERCENTAGE WHO VOTED BY MAIL; AND

3. THE NUMBER WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY; AND

4. THE NUMBER WHO VOTED AT AN EARLY VOTING CENTER;

(IV) THE POPULATION DENSITY OF EACH PROXIMITY OF THE PROPOSED POLLING PLACE TO A DENSE CONCENTRATION OF VOTERS IN THE AFFECTED PRECINCT;

~~(V) THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE COUNTY THAT HAVE NO VEHICLE OR HAVE ONLY ONE VEHICLE, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU~~ THE CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE AFFECTED PRECINCT FROM THE LAST STATEWIDE ELECTION;

(VI) THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS THAT VOTERS IN EACH AFFECTED PRECINCT COULD USE TO ACCESS THE POLLING PLACE THAT WOULD SERVE THE PRECINCT UNDER THE PLAN; AND

(VII) AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT ON THE ABILITY OF HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES TO CAST A BALLOT, INCLUDING DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF THE VOTERS IN THE AFFECTED PRECINCT FROM

THE MOST RECENT REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE MARYLAND VITAL STATISTICS ADMINISTRATION.

~~(D)~~ (C) THE STATE BOARD ~~MAY~~ SHALL APPROVE A POLLING PLACE PLAN ONLY IF THE POLLING PLACE PLAN:

(1) COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND § 10-101(A)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) WILL NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECT ACCESS TO VOTING FOR HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES.

~~(E)~~ (D) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL REJECT A POLLING PLACE PLAN THAT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION ~~(D)~~ (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) IF THE STATE BOARD REJECTS A POLLING PLACE PLAN, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REVISED POLLING PLACE PLAN TO THE STATE BOARD WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE STATE BOARD REJECTED THE PREVIOUS PLAN.

10-101.

(a) (1) Each local board shall designate a polling place that meets the requirements of this subsection for each precinct in the county as established by the local board in accordance with Title 2 of this article.

(2) Each polling place shall:

(i) provide an environment that is suitable to the proper conduct of an election;

(ii) be located as conveniently as practicable for the majority of registered voters assigned to that polling place;

(iii) except as authorized in paragraph (4) of this subsection, be in a public building;

(iv) be in the precinct that it serves unless no suitable location for a polling place can be found within that precinct, in which case the board may establish the polling place in an adjacent precinct; and

(v) whenever practicable, be selected and arranged to avoid architectural and other barriers that impede access or voting by elderly and physically disabled voters.

16–201.

(a) A person may not willfully and knowingly:

(1) (i) impersonate another person in order to vote or attempt to vote;
or

(ii) vote or attempt to vote under a false name;

(2) vote more than once for a candidate for the same office or for the same ballot question;

(3) vote or attempt to vote more than once in the same election, or vote in more than one election district or precinct;

(4) vote in an election district or precinct without the legal authority to vote in that election district or precinct;

(5) influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision through the use of force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward;

(6) influence or attempt to influence a voter's decision, **THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE, FRAUD, THREAT, MENACE, INTIMIDATION, BRIBERY, REWARD, OR OFFER OF REWARD**, whether to:

(I) go to the polls to cast a vote [through the use of force, fraud, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward]; or

(II) **VOTE BY OTHER LAWFUL MEANS; OR**

(7) engage in conduct that results or has the intent to result in the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race, color, or disability.

(b) Except as provided in § 16–1002 of this title, a person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both.

(c) A person who violates this section is subject to § 5–106(b) of the Courts Article.

16–1002.

A person who violates § 16–201(a)(6) or (7) or § 16–903 of this title without knowing that the act is illegal shall pay a civil penalty and have the matter adjudicated in accordance with § 13–604 of this article.

~~Article—General Provisions~~

~~4-359.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BOARD OF ELECTIONS” MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.~~

~~(B) WHENEVER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES INSPECTION OF A PUBLIC RECORD HELD BY A BOARD OF ELECTIONS, THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN MAY DENY INSPECTION TEMPORARILY IF:~~

~~(1) THE REQUEST FOR INSPECTION IS RECEIVED IN THE PERIOD BEGINNING 90 DAYS BEFORE A PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION AND ENDING WHEN THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION IS CERTIFIED; AND~~

~~(2) THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN BELIEVES THAT INSPECTION WOULD CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL INJURY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY IMPAIRING THE ABILITY OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PREPARE FOR THE ELECTION.~~

~~(C) (1) WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DENIAL, THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN SHALL PETITION A COURT TO ORDER AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONTINUED DENIAL OF INSPECTION.~~

~~(2) THE PETITION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY WHERE:~~

~~(I) THE PUBLIC RECORD IS LOCATED; OR~~

~~(II) THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE OFFICIAL CUSTODIAN IS LOCATED.~~

~~(3) THE PETITION SHALL BE SERVED ON THE APPLICANT, AS PROVIDED IN THE MARYLAND RULES.~~

~~(D) THE APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO APPEAR AND TO BE HEARD ON THE PETITION.~~

~~(E) WHEN MAKING A DETERMINATION REGARDING A PETITION FILED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING:~~

~~(1) THE PROXIMITY OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION OR GENERAL ELECTION; AND~~

~~(2) WHETHER THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST IS PART OF A PATTERN OF REQUESTS MADE BY OTHER INDIVIDUALS.~~

~~(F) IF, AFTER THE HEARING, THE COURT FINDS THAT INSPECTION OF THE PUBLIC RECORD WOULD CAUSE SUBSTANTIAL INJURY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE COURT MAY ISSUE AN APPROPRIATE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED DENIAL OF INSPECTION.~~

~~(G) (1) A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES, EXCEPT THAT:~~

~~(I) THE CASE SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED WITHOUT A JURY AND AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE; AND~~

~~(II) AN APPEAL SHALL BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DECISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.~~

~~(2) THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO HEAR AND DECIDE AN APPEAL BROUGHT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

~~(a) This section applies only to a local board that used a total number of separate buildings as polling places in the 2022 statewide primary or general election that was less than the total number of separate buildings the local board used as polling places in the 2018 general election.~~

~~(b) For each precinct that in the 2018 general election was served by a polling place located within the precinct boundaries but that in the 2022 primary or general election was not served by a polling place located within the precinct boundaries, each local board shall submit to the State Board, at the same time that the local board submits its polling place plan for the 2024 primary and general elections under § 2-303.1 of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act:~~

~~(1) all the information required under § 2-303.1(c)(3) of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and~~

~~(2) evidence that the requirements of § 10-101(a)(2) of the Election Law Article were met.~~

SECTION ~~3~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 8–201 of the Election Law Article, in 2024, the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City shall be held on the second Tuesday in May.

SECTION ~~2~~ ~~4~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2023.

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ADDITIONS TO COUNTY REGISTRATION

METHOD	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL	EXACT	DUPES
Electronic Volunteer	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
ERIC Report	39	21	0	26	1	87	0	0
Motor Vehicle Administration	136	133	6	164	2	441	2	2
Online Voter Registration	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0
Social Security Administration	3	1	0	4	0	8	0	0
Social Services Agencies	1	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
State Designated Agencies	1	1	0	6	0	8	0	0
USPS Sticker	5	0	0	0	0	5	1	1
TOTAL	185	157	7	204	3	556	3	3

SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY ACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Mail Process-NVRA	124	137	3	93	5	362
Criminal Conviction/Infamous Crime	0	0	1	2	0	3
Death Notice	27	30	0	11	1	69
Death Notices Other than DHMH	1	0	0	0	0	1
Moved Out of State	3	4	0	0	0	7
Returned VNC	0	1	0	1	1	3
Voter Request	0	0	0	1	0	1
Duplicate/Merged	1	1	1	0	0	3
County Transfer Out	-63	-49	-1	-26	0	-139
TOTAL	219	222	6	134	7	588

AFFILIATION CHANGES

CHANGE	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
From	43	27	3	39	8	120
To	24	38	2	51	5	120
TOTAL	-19	11	-1	12	-3	0

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CURRENT ACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	31234	44090	633	22588	1135	99680
ADDITIONS (+)	185	157	7	204	3	556
REINSTATED (+)	5	14	0	9	0	28
CANCELLED (-)	-31	-36	-2	-15	-2	-86
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-63	-49	-1	-26	0	-139
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	-19	11	-1	12	-3	0
* INACTIVATED (-)	-125	-137	-3	-93	-5	-363
* REACTIVATED (+)	22	20	1	19	2	64
END OF REPORT TOTALS	31208	44070	634	22698	1130	99740

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INACTIVE REGISTRATION SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY INACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Notice	0	2	0	2	0	4
Criminal Conviction/Infamous Crime	1	2	0	0	1	4
Death Notice	4	3	0	1	0	8
In Person	0	1	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Administration	25	15	0	15	1	56
Moved Out of State	10	17	0	5	0	32
State Designated Agencies	1	0	0	2	0	3
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	-9	-4	0	-1	0	-14
TOTAL	50	44	0	26	2	122

CURRENT INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	3276	3383	97	2785	148	9689
* INACTIVATED (+)	125	137	3	93	5	363
*REACTIVATED (-)	-26	-18	0	-19	-1	-64
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-9	-4	0	-1	0	-14
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANCELLED FROM INACTIVE (-)	-18	-23	0	-6	-1	-48
PENDING FROM INACTIVE (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INACTIVE	3348	3475	100	2852	151	9926

TOTAL REGISTRATION RECORDS ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	LIB	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ACTIVE REGISTRATION	31208	44070	634	22698	1130	99740
INACTIVE REGISTRATION	3348	3475	100	2852	151	9926
TOTAL RECORDS	34556	47545	734	25550	1281	109666

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Address Changes Within Jurisdiction	<u>599</u>		
Address Changes Statewide	<u>33614</u>	Confirmation Mailings Sent	<u>720</u>
Name Changes	<u>250</u>	Confirmation Responses	<u>21</u>
Number of current Statewide voter registration application on hand	<u> </u>	Number of NVRA Agency voter registration Applications on hand	<u> </u>
Signature of person who prepared the report	<u> </u>	Date report completed	<u> </u>
Other = Those individuals designating affiliation with a party that is not established under Maryland Law.	<u> </u>	Unaffiliated = those individuals declining to affiliate with a party.	