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Testimony on SB 287
State Board of Elections – Municipal Elections – Publication of Results on Website
Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Favorable

Common Cause Maryland supports SB 287, which would increase transparency in the election process by requiring the State Board of Elections (SBE) to publish municipal election results online in a timely manner. Voters should be able to easily access election results and data in one place – for every level of government - without having to scour the internet to piece together multiple sources. With the rise of election denials and security threats to our elections, it is critical to promptly publish clear, factual, and consistent election data from a trusted source.

Given that SBE already collects and publishes similar data from each local board of elections, SB 287 proposes a common-sense measure that can be easily adopted by the Board. Collecting and publishing municipal election data falls well within the capabilities of the Board's existing infrastructure, making this an easy fix that would significantly benefit the public.

We strongly urge a favorable report.