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Position: FAV

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Requesting a favorable Report for HB1222 - Local B

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Requesting a favorable Report for HB1222 - Local Boards of Elections - Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records

To: The Members of the House Ways and Means Committee

From: Carol Frazier
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I am writing to request that you issue a favorable report out of committee on this legislation. Currently, many Marylanders do not have confidence that our elections are handled in the correct manner, and that appropriate safeguards are not necessarily in place, or if in place, are not being followed. This situation is a net negative for Maryland, and I believe passage of HB1222 would go a long way towards remedying the situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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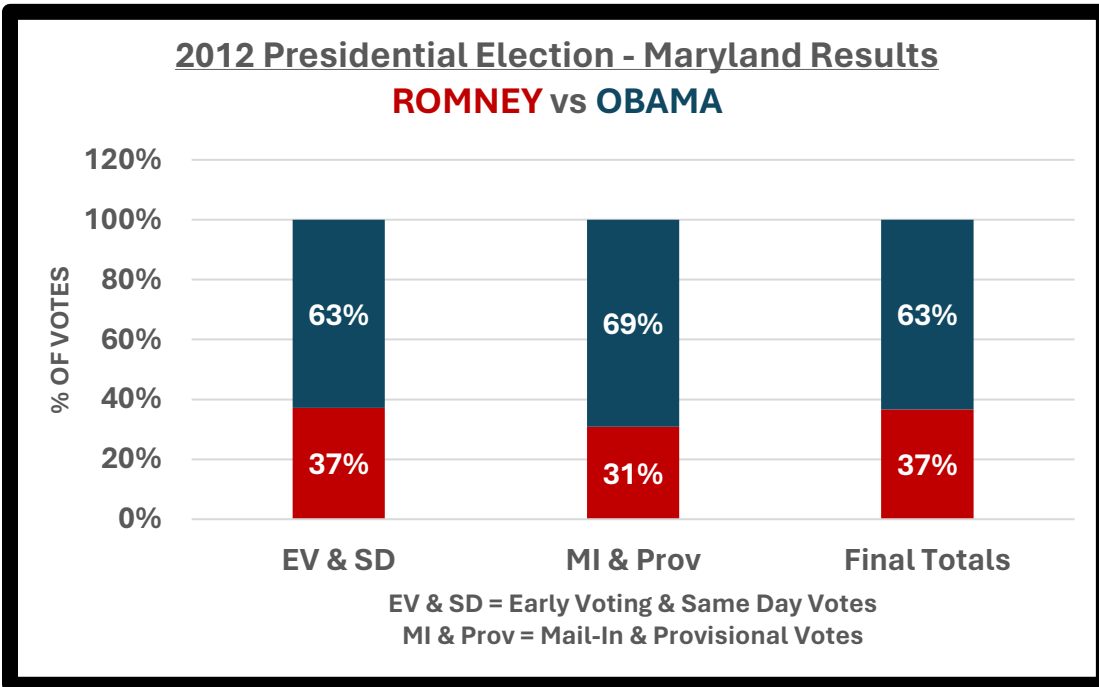
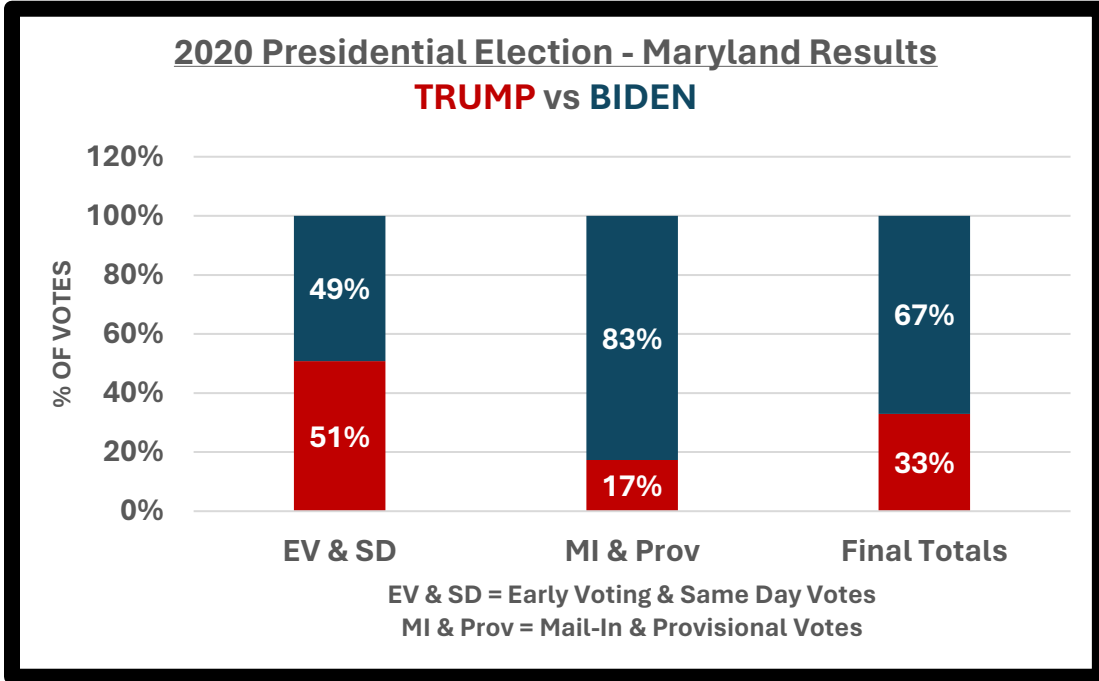
Dawn Jacobs Testimony in support of HB1222 & SB105

Uploaded by: Dawn Jacobs

Position: FAV

The 2020 Presidential Election Results for Maryland, graphically presented at the highest level below, illustrates why transparency is critical to public confidence in our election system – **regardless of party**. There were 1,580,365 Mail-In and Provisional votes cast which represented 53% of total votes cast.

The 2012 Presidential Election Results for Maryland below illustrate what had been the normal percentage relationships in party votes. There were 214,441 Mail-In and Provisional votes cast which represented 8% of total votes cast.



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Uploaded by: Dennis Evans

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Please support HB 1222. This bill enables us to look for fraud in our election system for a reasonable amount of time. Our election system is the foundation of our republic. The longer information about who voted is made public, the longer we have to investigate when anomalies occur. Those that want to get information out of the hands of the public as soon as possible are the same people that want to cheat.

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Uploaded by: Dr. James Kelly

Position: FAV



Testimony is respectfully submitted on behalf of the nationwide Association of American Physicians and Surgeons - to the Maryland General Assembly in **SUPPORT of SB 1052 and HB 1222** in March 2024 by Dr. James Kelly- a Maryland physician.

Transparency = Confidence

Secrecy = No Confidence

This bill is a very simple. It simply asks Boards of Elections to:

- 1) follow Maryland law
- 2) and to do as every other responsible public and private entity does – which is to maintain accurate records and let them be available for legal public inspection (for the people they serve).

No one can have freedom, liberty or democracy without honest elections.

Purpose of the Boards of Elections is to guarantee the most important thing necessary for democracy -which are **honest elections**.

Without honest elections we have a dictatorship.

Without Boards of Elections transparency -we lose honest elections and loose freedom and get **dictatorship**.

Election records are not the personal private property of the boards of elections. Election records and results belong to the people not to the Boards of Elections.

Boards of Elections information is **OUR** information -it belongs to the **people** not to the Board of Elections!

Information contained in your patient medical records- does not belong to the hospitals, clinics, doctors, nurses or therapists who wrote them. That information belongs to the patient. That information must be transparent and available to the person that the records are about.

The Boards of the Hospitals or physicians must be transparent and must provide the records to the patient when properly requested.

Just like your medical records- Election records belong to the people.

Why would the Boards of Elections want to hide or keep secret **OUR** election records or results?

Don't all Boards and agencies - who honestly serve the people – want to have the full confidence of all the people they serve?

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If the Boards are acting properly, and within the law, why would they fear transparency?

So what is the fear of honest transparency?

If you want freedom, liberty, democracy - and honest elections that make freedom, liberty, democracy possible -than there is no other logical response -BUT to vote in support of transparency.

Please vote **YES** on **SB 1052** and **HB 1222**.

SB1052 HB1222F Gary D. Judy Easton MD 21601.pdf

Uploaded by: Gary Judy

Position: FAV

Transparency in our elections is vital to our State and Counties. Please vote to support HB 1222F and SB 1052

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Uploaded by: Katherine McCloskey

Position: FAV

March 7, 2024

RE: SB 1052

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

I have lived in the State of Maryland all my life, own two properties and a small business with my husband.

I am aware that SB 1052 “Public Disclosure of Election Records” is a bill designed to fortify election integrity by requiring that election data be retained, maintained and organized for 10 years.

This is an essential piece toward fair and honest elections, which is fundamental for National Security.

I strongly SUPPORT SB 1052.

Katherine McCloskey
Worcester County, MD

SB1052_RecordMaintenanceSUPPORT.pdf

Uploaded by: Katherine Sullivan

Position: FAV

Witness: Katherine Strauch Sullivan
Jurisdiction: Baltimore County

Bill: **SB1052** Local Boards of Elections - Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records

Sponsors: Senator Mautz

Position: **SUPPORT**

With 60% of Americans lacking trust in our elections, voter confidence is at an all-time low (<https://news.gallup.com/poll/285608/faith-elections-relatively-short-supply.aspx>). One way we could begin to build back that trust is to make it easier for citizens to request and review the elections records. Transparency breeds trust and our election officials should be doing everything within their power to make our election process as transparent as possible. As the saying goes, “Sunlight is the best disinfectant”. In whatever our endeavor, we should want our decisions and actions to stand the test of inspection. Providing Maryland citizens the opportunity to request and review election records is a win-win for everyone.

Please vote in support of SB1052.

SB 1052 Testimony.pdf

Uploaded by: Lori STEpp

Position: FAV

Witness: Lori Stepp

Jurisdiction: Talbot County

Senate Bill 1052: Written Testimony– Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records.

Sponsor: Senator Mautz

Position: **SUPPORT**

I write to you to ask for your favorable vote in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1052 to ensure that all local and State boards of election retain all voting and election related materials for at least 10 years and to allow public access to this information. Having reviewed the Office of Legislative Audit Reports of the State Board of Elections, each report covers periods of either three or four years and is published a year after the reporting period.¹ This means the public does not have access to the audit findings until four to five years later, which is beyond the scope of the current retention period of three years. I've highlighted the reporting periods as well as report publishing date to demonstrate this point:

December 3, 2018 through July 31, 2022 (report published on October 31, 2023);

October 23, 2015 through December 2, 2018 (report published on December 19, 2019);

August 23, 2012 through October 22, 2015 (report published on April 24, 2017);

July 1, 2009 through August 22, 2012 (report published on March 24, 2014);

March 1, 2006 through June 20, 2009 (report published on June 10, 2010)

Additionally, there are some “*significant deficiencies*” of audit findings in these reports to include:

- **redacted cybersecurity-related findings,**
- Inadequate *authentication of certain voters who requested absentee ballots* (repeated finding)
- not ensuring personally identifiable information from the MDVOTERS database provided to a third party was properly safeguarded (repeated finding)
- not ensuring the accuracy of the data recorded in MDVOTERS or whether related user access to the system was appropriate (repeated finding)
- procedures were not sufficient to ensure the propriety of the Statewide voter registration database
- not ensuring local boards removed convicted felons from the voter registration database (repeated finding)
- not obtaining an independent audit of system controls over the Statewide voter registration system
- not addressing **known security risks** associated with Online Voter Registration System,
- **firewall used to help secure the State Board of Election Headquarters Local Area Network was not properly configured or monitored.**

With so many significant findings found in these audit reports dating back to March 1, 2006, I hope you will see the importance of a longer term for records retention and public access to this information. These findings should be concerning to all voters and hope that you will vote in favor of **SUPPORTING** this bill.

¹ Office of Legislative Services, Maryland General Assembly; State Board of Elections Reports: website accessed on March 5, 2024: [Report | Office of Legislative Audits \(state.md.us\)](https://www.sbe.state.md.us/Reports)

Bill SB1052.pdf

Uploaded by: Maryann Judy

Position: FAV

Please let it be know that as a member of the Election Integrity Group-Talbot County, I want to adamantly support House Bill 1222F as well as the Senate Bill 1052. It is imperative that our vote counts a citizen of both the United States and Maryland.

Thank you for representing We the People.

Maryann Judy

Support of SB 1052 & HB 1222.pdf

Uploaded by: Ryan Kelly

Position: FAV

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Support of SB 1052 & HB 1222

My name is Ryan Kelly, and I've recently turned 18, which means I'll be voting for the first time in this upcoming election. My friends and I have concerns about the fairness and honesty of these elections. We want assurance that the process is truly honest and that our votes count as intended. We're worried that the computer systems might be manipulated to select candidates instead of accurately reflecting our choices. This bill would eliminate any doubts or concerns that we currently have.

The purpose of this bill is simple: it asks the board of elections to stick to the rules, maintain accurate records, and make them available for verification. Transparency is crucial. If we can't see what's happening behind closed doors, it's hard to trust the process. If the board is behaving legally and honestly, then providing the necessary records shouldn't be a problem.

The only way we can ensure the honesty of elections is by having access to the records. Why would the board of elections oppose letting the public see these records?

This bill isn't about which political party you support; it's about protecting our right to vote. Every citizen deserves to trust in the integrity of our democratic process, no matter which candidate they support.

As a representative of Maryland's future and the future of our nation, it's vital for me to have confidence and trust in our democratic process. This bill would precisely achieve that goal.

Please Vote Yes on SB 1052 & HB 1222

Testimony submitted by Talbot County Citizen Shari

Uploaded by: Shari Wilcoxon

Position: FAV

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TRANSPARANCY = TRUST

Regardless of who wins any election, to have confidence in the outcome is paramount. And should be paramount for every elected official. None of you should want people to think you are only in office because of a fraudulent election. Right?

In a recent survey 93% of "ALL AMERICANS" polled regardless of political party, agreed that there should be "NO FRAUD" in our elections. Can you show me any other single issue today that 93% of ALL AMERICANS agree upon?

Since at least year 2000 there have been many people in each political party crying foul in our elections. To name a few nationally we know of course Donald Trump and a multitude of his voters have decried elections as rigged, but so have Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris, Adam Schiff, Jerry Nadler, Maxine Waters, Elizabeth Warren, Stacy Abrams, and I could go on and on...Stacey Abrams has claimed she is the legitimate governor of Georgia for years. All of this is easily available to see on the internet,

And right here in Maryland, a news story just came out about Lynn Garland, wife of Attorney General of the United States Merrick Garland, writing multiple letters/emails acquired via MPIA raising her concerns about the potential fraud associated with the ES&S DS200 Tabulators in 2015. As you all know, these are the machines we still use in Maryland.

So, every single elected official in this body, just like every single voter, no matter what party affiliation, should want to do all they can to ensure that our elections are legal, fair, and accurate. AND do everything in their power to be transparent so no one can question the legitimacy of the elections from either party.

Transparency is the answer.

The easiest way to prove or disprove these "allegations" would be for Maryland to publish and store all of the data, documents and reports generated in the administration of the official duties related to the all elections. Full and total transparency would finally put to rest the concerns

that “We the People” have that our elections may have been compromised by the very people entrusted to administer them.

This bill is straightforward, simply asking for retention and access to what is already law.

It requires the county Boards of Elections to:

1) follow Maryland law

2) and to maintain accurate records and have them available for legal public inspection for the citizens of their county.

I urge you to put your vote where I believe your beliefs are and vote in support of transparency and trust.

Please vote YES on SB 1052.

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Uploaded by: Suzanne Price

Position: FAV

SB1052 is a good nonpartisan bill that everyone who cares about our elections should support. We run an organization out of Anne Arundel Co that has a focus on Election Accuracy and this would be a great way to help restore faith in elections and preserve data and allow the public to participate, if they desired.

Please support this bill,

Suzanne Price
AACo, MD

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1052.pdf

Uploaded by: VINCENT GISRIEL, JR

Position: FAV

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1052 ENTITLED LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS –
MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ELECTION RECORDS

Vice President Kamala Harris, while still a Senator once said in a hearing, “I actually held a demonstration for my colleagues here at the Capitol where we brought in folks who, before our eyes, hacked election machines.” More recently in a Georgia courtroom, computer scientist Alex Halderman hacked a voting machine using a pen and an inexpensive smart card. The point, voter integrity is a non-partisan issue.

Our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are secured by fair and honest elections. Our individual vote helps to guarantee those rights. All votes when counted accurately further guarantee those rights. However, a free society needs transparency to trust their voting system.

SB 1052 and its companion HB 1222 are needed to improve our voting system. Marylanders need to be confident and assured that our voting system is free of outside manipulation and tampering. These bills along with others will restore confidence in our voting system and increase participation in the voting process. These bills do not suppress voting, they only enhance voting. Thank you for your consideration.

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SB1052 FWA.pdf

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Position: FWA

SB1052 Fav w/ Amendment Local Boards of Elections – Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records

Dear Committee Members:

I strongly support SB1052. In the current climate of the lack of election confidence, voters need to be able to access election information after elections are over for a significant period of time in some cases. It takes a while for the problems to be figured out and the public should not be forced into a short timeline to gather the information. An amendment would be to ensure that all election information can be accessed via the local election board AND NOT A THIRD PARTY ENTITY (i.e., the company who ran the cameras holds the camera footage, therefore it is not available to be released by PIA request).

Thank you

Sincerely,

Peggy Williams

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