

HB1022 This bill lacks integrity and has ZERO way to instill integrity of voting via drop boxes in prisons and the COSTS all of the ridiculous extras. In addition you haven't given or there isn't any way to know **how much this will cost** Marylanders. THERE IS NO WAY to create a safe CHAIN OF COMMAND to protect voter's ballots in this bill. IT WILL COST A FORTUNE AND IT IS NOT SAFE, Necessary and one more time, it lacks integrity and is RIPE for more crime and fraud. Bring on the lawsuits !!! and how much will those cost Maryland?

And seriously this! You want to provide a **Voting Rights Ombudsman for Incarcerated Individuals!**, again why do some get more rights than the rest of us? People are in jail because they broke the law, but law abiding citizens don't deem all of these 'voting' perks? And again **HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST US**, YES the taxpayers? Don't you just love how these bureaucrats want to spend our tax dollars, on this kinda of stuff NOBODY asked for, or at least NONE of the taxpayers or law abiding citizens.

And **you want to give prisoners or 'provide a voter hotline for incarcerated individuals'**!

**And also all of this:**

EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL: 2

**(1) DISPLAY SIGNS** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS 3 ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS UNDER § 1-303.1(B)(1) OF THE 4 ELECTION LAW ARTICLE IN ALL AREAS WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE PROCESSED 5 DURING INTAKE OR FOR RELEASE AND IN APPROPRIATE AREAS WHERE THERE IS 6 HIGH VISIBILITY; 7

**(2) PROVIDE THE BALLOT DROP BOX(ES)** PROVIDED UNDER § 1-303.1(C) 8 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO ENABLE THE SUBMISSION 9 OF ELECTION-RELATED MATERIALS TO ELECTION OFFICIALS; 10

**(3) MONITOR AND SAFEGUARD THE BALLOT DROP BOX(es)** PROVIDED 11 UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION; 12

**(4) IF THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY RECEIVES A BALLOT** 13 ADDRESSED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION, **14 RETURN THE BALLOT TO THE LOCAL BOARD;** AND 15

**(5) DESIGNATE AN EMPLOYEE WHO WILL SERVE AS THE PRIMARY** 16 POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND THE 17 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBSECTION. 18

(C) THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE EACH 19 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE IN CARRYING OUT THE 20 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION. 21 (D) EACH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE 22 STATE

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND THE LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS IN 23  
IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION. 24 Article – Election L

As an **advocate in Maryland for Voter Integrity** this is a **RED FLAG** of trouble for Maryland and taxpayers.

**PLEASE SAY NO** to this very bad bill that has the potential for a million loose ends. It is poorly thought out and will cost Maryland millions. It also does not instill voter confidence in our elections, it does the opposite. At a time when 80% of Americans lack trust in our elections and trust in government is at an all time low this is seriously bad timing and a terrible bill.

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- **80% of Americans support Voter I.D.**  
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