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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0142 - POSITION: UNFAVORABLE

Election Law - Polling Places - Establishing Voter Identity (Voter Privacy Act of 2024)

TO: Chair Atterbeary, Vice Chair Wilkins, and members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony against HB#/0142, Election Law - Polling Places - Establishing Voter Identity (Voter Privacy Act of 2024)

I am unsure of the need to add additional time and complexity to the act of voting and the actions required of our election officials. The Heritage Foundation tracks incidents of voter fraud and is a noted conservative organization. In elections between 2012-2018 in Maryland they identified only eight incidents of voter fraud out of the millions and millions of votes in those elections.

<https://www.heritage.org/voterfraud/search?state=MD>

The Maryland State Board of Elections documents all of the steps they take to insure we have safe and valid elections and that any fraud is quickly detected and dealt with appropriately.

https://www.elections.maryland.gov/about/election_security.html

This bill is unnecessary and only serves to respond to political falsehoods around the conduct of elections that do not occur in any number that would effect a Maryland election. **I respectfully urge this committee to return an unfavorable report on HB#/0142**