

March 21, 2025

Testimony on SB 313
Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk-Limiting Audits
Ways and Means

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair and members of the committee,

Common Cause and Common Cause Maryland strongly support Senate Bill 313, which would require the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local boards of elections, to conduct a risk-limiting audit after each statewide election.

As passed by the Senate, SB 313 includes several amendments proposed by State Administrator of Elections Jared DeMarinis. These amendments are partially in response to feedback from Common Cause and Verified Voting regarding ways to strengthen the bill and improve implementation.

We have reviewed the amendments as well as the bill in its current form – and we strongly urge the Committee to favorably report SB 313.