

# HOUSE BILL 1103

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Periodic Audit of Statewide Voter Registration List**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Administrator of Elections to cause to be  
4 conducted an audit of the statewide voter registration list at certain times and  
5 for certain purposes; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to a  
6 periodic audit of the statewide voter registration list.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Election Law  
9 Section 3–101  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2003 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 3–101.

16 (a) There shall be a statewide voter registration list.

17 (b) The statewide voter registration list shall:

18 (1) be the official voter registration list for the State;

19 (2) contain the name and other information for every legally registered  
20 voter in the State;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) allow each local board to obtain immediate electronic access to the  
2 information contained in the list;

3 (4) be coordinated with other agency databases in the State;

4 (5) be used to produce precinct registers for use in polling places on  
5 election day; and

6 (6) include voting history information on a current basis for a period  
7 covering at least the 5 preceding years.

8 (c) The State Administrator shall:

9 (1) define, maintain, and administer the statewide voter registration  
10 list;

11 (2) with the local boards, ensure the currency and accuracy of each  
12 individual voter's registration record;

13 (3) instruct the local boards on:

14 (i) processing voter registration applications and name and  
15 address changes;

16 (ii) entering voter registration information into the statewide  
17 voter registration list; and

18 (iii) removing from the statewide voter registration list  
19 information about voters who are no longer eligible to be registered voters[.];

20 (4) [Subject] **SUBJECT** to relevant federal law and to regulations  
21 adopted by the State Board, establish and conduct a program to identify voters who  
22 have changed their addresses; **AND**

23 **(5) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL BOARDS, CAUSE TO BE**  
24 **CONDUCTED AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES AN AUDIT OF THE STATEWIDE VOTER**  
25 **REGISTRATION LIST TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY AND CURRENCY OF THE**  
26 **INDIVIDUAL VOTER RECORDS:**

27 **(I) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR;**  
28 **AND**

29 **(II) AT ANY OTHER TIME THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR**  
30 **DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY.**

1 (d) Registration shall be conducted continuously under the supervision of the  
2 State Administrator and in accordance with the provisions of this title, applicable  
3 federal law, and regulations adopted by the State Board.

4 (e) A registered voter:

5 (1) shall remain registered when the voter moves to another county in  
6 the State; and

7 (2) may not be required to register again unless the voter's  
8 registration is canceled in accordance with Subtitle 5 of this title.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2008.