

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 943  
Ways and Means

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**Election Law – Voter Registration List – Absentee Voters (Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2023)**

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This bill requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) or a local board of elections, on request of a candidate, to provide the candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election. The list of registered voters must include the email address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect local government finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A copy of a list of registered voters must be provided to a Maryland registered voter who submits a written application and a statement, signed under oath, that the list is not intended to be used for commercial solicitation or any other purpose not related to the electoral process. SBE must adopt regulations, in consultation with the local boards of elections, which establish specified procedures and requirements to govern the process of providing a copy of a list of registered voters to a Maryland voter.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Carroll and Frederick counties; Maryland State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - March 5, 2023

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