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Ways and Means

(Delegate Fair, *et al.*)

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County Boards of Education - Voter Registration Link - Posting Requirement

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This bill requires each county board of education to post on its website a link to the voter registration webpage maintained on the website of the State Board of Elections (SBE) or the local board of elections of that county. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Local boards of education can post the required link with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Under State law, with certain exceptions, an individual may register to vote if the individual is a citizen of the United States, is at least age 16, and is a resident of the State as of the day the individual seeks to register.

An individual may apply to become a registered voter through a number of means including (1) visiting an election board office; (2) by mail; (3) when applying for services at a voter registration agency (specified public and nongovernmental agencies designated by SBE, including agencies providing public assistance and services for individuals with disabilities, public higher education institutions, military recruiting offices, and one-stop career centers in the Maryland Department of Labor); (4) during an applicable transaction at automatic voter registration agencies, which are the Motor Vehicle Administration, the

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, local departments of social services, and the Mobility Certification Office in the Maryland Transit Administration; (5) through SBE's online voter registration system; or (6) at an early voting center or an election day polling place in their county of residence.

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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):** Baltimore City; Maryland State Department of Education; Maryland State Board of Elections; Baltimore City Public Schools; Department of Legislative Services

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