

HOUSE BILL 1110

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By: **Delegate Wilkins**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities –**
3 **Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
5 to transmit a certain list of individuals released from incarceration at a State
6 correctional facility to the State Board of Elections in a certain manner; requiring
7 the State Board to automatically restore the voter registration of certain individuals
8 released from State correctional facilities who were registered to vote in the State
9 before being incarcerated; and generally relating to automatic restoration of voter
10 registration for individuals released from State correctional facilities.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Correctional Services
13 Section 1–101(a), (f), and (q) and 2–601
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Election Law
18 Section 3–203.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Correctional Services**

24 1–101.

25 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
2 Services.

3 (q) (1) "State correctional facility" means a correctional facility that is
4 operated by the State.

5 (2) "State correctional facility" includes:

6 (i) the Patuxent Institution;

7 (ii) the Baltimore City Detention Center; and

8 (iii) the centralized booking facility in Baltimore City that is operated
9 by the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services in the Department of Public Safety and
10 Correctional Services.

11 2-601.

12 The Department shall:

13 (1) provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with
14 a voter registration application and documentation with the individual's discharge papers
15 that informs the individual that the individual's voting rights have been restored;

16 (2) display a sign in each parole and probation office, in a conspicuous
17 location where notices to the public are customarily posted, indicating that any individual
18 who is no longer incarcerated has the right to vote; and

19 (3) post a notice, in a conspicuous location on the Department's website,
20 indicating that any individual who is no longer incarcerated has the right to vote.

21 Article – Election Law

22 **3-203.1.**

23 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING**
24 **STATED IN § 1-101 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE.**

25 **(B) ON A WEEKLY BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND**
26 **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE STATE**
27 **BOARD A LIST THAT INCLUDES THE NAME AND NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF EACH**
28 **INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION AT A STATE**
29 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE PRECEDING WEEK.**

1 **(C) ON RECEIPT OF THE LIST UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,**
2 **THE STATE BOARD SHALL IDENTIFY EACH INDIVIDUAL ON THE LIST WHO WAS**
3 **REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE STATE BEFORE BEING INCARCERATED AND WHOSE**
4 **NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS LOCATED IN THE STATE.**

5 **(D) THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTOMATICALLY RESTORE THE VOTER**
6 **REGISTRATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**
7 **SECTION AT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND GIVE THE**
8 **INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE VOTER STATUS.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2025.