

# HOUSE BILL 641

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Election Law – Curbside Voting – Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Curbside Voting Pilot Program to test the viability of  
4 curbside voting in the State; establishing requirements governing curbside voting,  
5 including requirements related to the designation of curbside voting locations and  
6 how to vote at a curbside voting location; and generally relating to the Curbside  
7 Voting Pilot Program.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Election Law  
10 Section 1–101(p–1) and 10–316  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Election Law  
15 Section 9–102(d)(1)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

### 20 **Article – Election Law**

21 1–101.

22 **(P–1) “CURBSIDE VOTING” MEANS THE PROCESS BY WHICH A VOTER**  
23 **COMPLETES AND CASTS A BALLOT AT AN OUTSIDE LOCATION DESIGNATED UNDER §**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **10–316 OF THIS ARTICLE AND UNDER OBSERVATION OF ELECTION JUDGES.**

2 9–102.

3 (d) The State Board may not certify a voting system unless the State Board  
4 determines that:

5 (1) the voting system will:

6 (i) protect the secrecy of the ballot;

7 (ii) protect the security of the voting process;

8 (iii) count and record all votes accurately;

9 (iv) accommodate any ballot used under this article;

10 (v) protect all other rights of voters and candidates;

11 (vi) be capable of creating a paper record of all votes cast in order  
12 that an audit trail is available in the event of a recount, including a manual recount; [and]

13 (vii) provide a voter–verifiable paper record that:

14 1. is an individual document that is physically separated  
15 from any other similar document and not part of a continuous roll;16 2. is sufficiently durable to withstand repeated handling for  
17 the purposes of mandatory random audits and recounts; and18 3. uses ink that does not fade, smear, or otherwise degrade  
19 and obscure or obliterate the paper record over time; AND20 **(VIII) FOR A VOTING SYSTEM USED IN THE CURBSIDE VOTING**  
21 **PILOT PROGRAM UNDER § 10–316 OF THIS ARTICLE, ACCOMMODATE CURBSIDE**  
22 **VOTING;**23 **10–316.**24 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE CURBSIDE VOTING**  
25 **PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**26 (B) **THERE IS A CURBSIDE VOTING PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST THE**  
27 **VIABILITY OF CURBSIDE VOTING IN THE STATE.**

1           **(C) THE STATE BOARD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCAL BOARDS, SHALL**  
2 **IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM.**

3                   (D) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING  
4 COUNTIES IN WHICH TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM:

5 (I) ONE COUNTY WITH A COMPARATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF  
6 REGISTERED VOTERS;

15 (I) DURING EARLY VOTING, ONE EARLY VOTING CENTER OR  
16 OTHER APPROPRIATE BUILDING AS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL BOARD; AND

17 (II) ON ELECTION DAY:

## **1. THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL BOARD;**

26 (I) ACCESSIBILITY OF THE LOCATION TO HISTORICALLY  
27 DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES;

28 (II) PROXIMITY OF THE LOCATION TO DENSE CONCENTRATIONS  
29 OF VOTERS;

**(5) THE CURBSIDE VOTING LOCATION SHALL BE EQUIPPED TO:**

11 (I) ALLOW THE VOTER TO COMPLETE THE BALLOT WITHOUT  
12 ASSISTANCE, UNLESS ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED BY THE VOTER; AND

18                           1. A LINE AROUND EACH CURBSIDE VOTING LOCATION  
19 BEYOND WHICH CANVASSING, ELECTIONEERING, OR POSTING OF CAMPAIGN  
20 MATERIAL IS PROHIBITED; AND

32 (E) AT EACH CURBSIDE VOTING LOCATION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

**(1) POST SIGNS INFORMING VOTERS OF:**

**(I) THE LOCATION OF CURBSIDE VOTING; AND**

**(II) HOW TO NOTIFY AN ELECTION JUDGE THAT THE VOTER IS CURBSIDE VOTING LOCATION; AND**

5 (2) ENSURE THAT VOTERS RECEIVE PROMPT SERVICE FROM THE  
6 ELECTION JUDGES.

**(F) (1) A VOTER SEEKING TO USE CURBSIDE VOTING SHALL:**

10 (II) PROVIDE AN ELECTION JUDGE WITH THE INFORMATION  
11 REQUIRED TO CHECK IN THE VOTER THROUGH THE POLLBOOK AT THE CURBSIDE  
12 VOTING LOCATION.

22 (G) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2031, THE STATE BOARD SHALL REPORT  
23 TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE  
24 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURBSIDE VOTING  
25 PILOT PROGRAM.

26 (H) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
27 SECTION.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 January 1, 2027. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 9 months and, at the  
30 end of September 30, 2032, this Act, with no further action required by the General  
31 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.