

# SENATE BILL 236

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By: **Senator Kagan**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Certification of Election–Supporting Technology – Regulations,**  
3 **Review, and Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the  
5 review, certification, and decertification of election–supporting technology and to  
6 review and evaluate election–supporting technology on or before a certain date each  
7 year; and generally relating to the certification of election–supporting technology.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Election Law

10 Section 9–107

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 **9–107.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “ELECTION–SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY”**  
18 **MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY THAT IS:**

19 **(I) COMPATIBLE WITH A METHOD OF CASTING AND**  
20 **TABULATING VOTES IN WHICH VOTERS RANK CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF**  
21 **PREFERENCE AND VOTES ARE TABULATED IN A MANNER THAT REFLECTS VOTER**  
22 **PREFERENCE; AND**

23 **(II) DESIGNED FOR USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**ELECTIONS, INCLUDING:**

**1. ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS;**

**2. RISK-LIMITING AUDIT TOOLS; AND**

**3. ANY SOFTWARE USED FOR PREPARING, PRESENTING,  
OR REPORTING THE RESULTS PRODUCED BY A VOTING SYSTEM.**

**(2) "ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A  
VOTING SYSTEM.**

**(B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:**

**(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS:**

**(I) FOR THE REVIEW, CERTIFICATION, AND DECERTIFICATION  
OF ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY; AND**

**(II) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTION-SUPPORTING  
TECHNOLOGY SELECTED AND CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

**(2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027,  
REVIEW AND EVALUATE ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Elections shall adopt the regulations required under § 9–107 of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or before December 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.