



BILL: HB0745

BILL TITLE: Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Number Required

BILL SPONSOR: Delegate Luedtke

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: FAVORABLE

HEARING DATE: February 16 2021

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB0745

Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland

Represent Maryland believes that access to voting should be plentiful, inclusive, and varied, to meet the needs of all the different types of voters in Maryland. Many voters cannot vote on election day and prefer to not vote-by-mail, so giving more options to vote early in person helps make sure they are included in this sacred process.

We support HB0745 which will increase the required number of early voting locations in each county. The cost to run these centers is nominal considering 1) our state budget in the billions, one of the highest in the country and 2) that democracy is priceless. America portrays itself to be the most democratic nation in the world, but the truth is that voter suppression is rampant. We must increase access to vote in numerous ways, including having more physical locations, if we are to practice what we preach.

Please find HB0745 favorable.

Sincerely,
Cristi Demnowicz, Chair
Represent Maryland
Maryland Voter-LD07

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