

House Ways and Means Committee Election Judges - Training and Signs - Accommodations for Voters in Need of Assistance HB 702 Position: support sponsored by Delegate Hill February 15, 2022

The Arc Maryland. Maryland's largest statewide advocacy organization advocating for the rights of individuals with intellectual/and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) offers. This written testimony in support of HB 702 which would mandate signage at polling places which informs, prospective voters, and the general public about the accommodations which are available to voters who may need extra assistance. We also support the provisions in this Bill that create training standards for election judges around how to inform voters about the accommodations to which they may be entitled. Our right to vote is our most sacred constitutional right. The general public, and especially people with disabilities and others who may need extra assistance may not always know what their rights are. In conclusion, the Arc supports this legislation because if you know the supports your entitled to you will be more effective in casting your ballot and participating in our democracy. This is an equity issue therefore we ask the committee for a favorable report. If you have any questions,I would be happy to answer them. You can contact me at

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