



Committee: Ways and Means

Testimony on: HB1092 - Election Law – Early Voting – Number of Days

Position: UNfavorable

Hearing Date: March 7, 2023

Bill Contact: Delegate Ric Metzgar

DoTheMostGood (DTMG) is a progressive grass-roots organization with members in all districts in Montgomery County as well as in several nearby jurisdictions. DTMG supports legislation and activities that keep all Maryland residents healthy and safe in a clean environment, uplift all members of our communities, and promote equity across all our communities. DTMG strongly opposes HB1092 because it will reduce the number of early voting days from 8 days to 4 days.

In the United States, the right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and our elected officials must ensure that all eligible citizens have easy access to voting. Many Maryland voters rely on early voting due to work, travel, or family care schedules. HB1092 will make voting harder for many Maryland citizens by reducing the number of early voting days. The early voting schedule proposed in HB1092 will also include only the Monday to Thursday before a general or primary election -- weekdays when most voters are working full time jobs and have greatest family responsibilities -- and will not include any weekend days when most voters have more flexible schedules.

There are already too many impediments to voting. We should make early voting more accessible, not less! Therefore, DTMG strongly opposes HB1092 and urges an **UNFAVORABLE** report on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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