

**Witness:** Jean Miceli Benhoff  
**Jurisdiction:** Baltimore County  
**Bill:** SB 0605 Election Law-Citizens Who Live Overseas-Right to Vote

**Summary:** For the purpose of authorizing an overseas voter to register to vote and vote in federal, State, and local elections in a certain county; prohibiting an election director from removing an individual from a statewide voter registration list under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the right to vote of citizens of the United States who live overseas.

**Position: Position: FAVORABLE SUPPORT with AMENDMENT**

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 does address these issues for US Citizens. There are guidelines for the Board of Elections of each and every jurisdiction in the United States to follow. I agree with Senator Young and Delegate Fair sponsoring HB0542.

**Amendment Recommendation:**

Referring to: *Section 3-502 –(d) and e-(1)*: Lines 13-23-Addition of the following amendment is recommended to add that the **election director shall: itself verify** that the voter has as required by federal election law to document in writing to the election director that this voter's first or any other election registration **IN ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY** has been cancelled in writing by this voter.

The Voter attempting to make this NEW REGISTRATION will provide this (or these) cancellations to the election director where the voter is attempting to secure a new registration.

**Why is this important to the accuracy of Maryland and all 49 states?**

United States Voter rolls have become bloated by inadvertent and excess registrations.

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