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To: Members of The House Judiciary Committee
From: Carrie J. Williams, Chair, Legislative Committee, Criminal Law and Practice
Section
Date: 2/17/2023
Subject: HB580-Election Law-Polling Sites-Firearms Restrictions
Position: **Support**

The Legislative Committee of the Criminal Law and Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Supports HB580-Election Law-Polling Sites-Firearms Restrictions.

This bill prohibits carrying, possessing, or displaying a firearm within 100 feet of a polling place during an election, with an exception for law enforcement officers and those who live within 100 feet of a polling place. Marylanders should feel safe when they go to the polls and prohibiting guns at polling places helps protect against voter intimidation.

For the reasons stated, we Support HB580-Election Law-Polling Sites-Firearms Restrictions. If you have questions about the position of the Criminal Law and Practice Section's Legislative Committee, please feel free to address them to me at carriej.williams@gmail.com.

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