

Position - HB0035 Delegate Long

Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity

Written Testimony:

It is in the interest of all citizens of Maryland that the voting process be as free from fraud as possible. This Bill puts into law a crucial requirement that will help dissuade electoral fraud.

Currently poll judges only require the voter to state their address. Without requiring a voter to show a voter proof of identity it is very possible that individuals may show up to cast a vote for individuals whom they know have moved out of the state or are deceased or they know will not be casting a vote.

A free and fair election involves political freedoms and fair processes leading up to the vote, a fair count of eligible voters who cast a ballot and steps that will discourage electoral fraud, and voter disenfranchisement.

It is crucial that election results are as free from electoral fraud as is humanly possible. This will enable the acceptance of election results by all parties and all citizens.

The steps included in this HB0035 bill can help to assure that citizens of the great state of Maryland can rely on voter counts and resulting election results.

Respectfully submitted by,

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