

SB 364: Election Law - Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States - Prohibition: Please SUPPORT this bill!!

Dear Education, Energy & Environment Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and all other esteemed Committee Members:

I love this bill!! This bill represents common sense voting practices!!

The wording of this bill "...A person may not willfully and knowingly: impersonate another person in order to vote or attempt to vote; vote or attempt to vote under a false name; vote more than once for a candidate for the same office or for the same ballot question; vote or attempt to vote more than once in the same election, or vote in more than one election district or precinct; CAST A BALLOT IN A GENERAL ELECTION IN MORE THAN ONE STATE IN THE SAME YEAR; vote in an election district or precinct without the legal authority to vote in that election district or precinct; influence or attempt to influence a voter's voting decision through the use of force, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward; influence or attempt to influence a voter's decision, through the use of force, fraud, threat, menace, intimidation, bribery, reward, or offer of reward, whether to: go to the polls to cast a vote; or vote by other lawful means; or engage in conduct that results or has the intent to result in the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race, color, or disability..." is the kind of common sense wording that should be foremost in everyone's mind when they vote anyway!!!

It's unfortunate that we have to actually put these words into writing in the form of a law when we all know that these practices are what **should** happen without having to put these practices into formal legislation!! But, unfortunately or not, this is where we are in today's world. So I am extremely thankful and grateful to this bill's sponsors, Senator Justin Ready and Senator Mary Beth Carozza, that they saw the need and decided to take action to put these common sense practices into legislation that will benefit every Marylander!! It doesn't matter what your politics are; this is a bill that ensures that our elections are fair and fraudulent-free and that is a huge WIN for Maryland!!

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in SUPPORTING this bill!!

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