

SB0772 – FAVORABLE with Amendments

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I agree that an election judge needs a way to identify a legitimate voter when they arrive to vote, and to ensure that voter is in fact a CITIZEN of the State of Maryland.

However today it is legally possible for an immigrant to receive a Maryland Driver's license without having full citizenship (see note below). It would be a violation of the Constitution(s) as well as the voter's acts to allow non-citizens to participate in our elections. Therefore the bill **needs to state and the statute needs to state that the drivers license be a Maryland Drivers License (or Maryland ID) that is a REAL ID and what the judge needs to look for to ensure that it is a REAL ID.**

**AND** I'm sure illegal immigrants pay for utilities and have their names on the utility bills. I'm sure immigrants have addresses established here along with checking accounts in Maryland. We may even have illegal immigrants working in government offices so they would even have a government issued ID.

The forms of ID being suggested in this bill **WILL NOT LIMIT THE VOTING TO ONLY MARYLAND CITIZENS!**

**The utility bill needs to be removed as a form of establishing residency in Maryland and must be removed from paragraph B(2)(ii)(2).**

**Therefore I strongly suggest all of paragraph B(2)(II) should be removed.**

No voting should be permitted if the identification cannot be established, not even provisional ballot. Because eventually the provisional ballot MAY be counted. Paragraph D should be completely removed. And this is supported by 16-201 paragraph (a) (1)(iii) as well as (I) where it is being added that "A person may not

willfully and knowingly: VOTE OR ATTEMPT TO VOTE UNDER A FALSE FORM OF IDENTIFICATION;”

And the first item in the list should be changed to:

“Impersonate OR ATTEMPT TO IMPERSONATE another person in order to vote” because that is what is happening here. Someone is attempting to impersonate a Maryland citizen.

So only with these amendments can this bill go forward otherwise it is unconstitutional and violates the federal voter election laws.

Thank you.

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Note: Maryland Transportation Code Section 16-106 - Application for license - In general:

1. (c)(2) Allows for no SSN to apply for DL.
2. (e)(4) “An applicant shall provide satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has lawful status.” Md. Code, Transp. § 16-106. So a green card is lawful status but IS NOT CITIZENSHIP!!