

SB 0364 Voting in Multiple States -same year 2024

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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chairman
and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **SB 0364** – Election Law – Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States – Prohibition
FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women strongly supports SB 0364 to prohibit a voter from voting in the same General Election in more than one state.

Our democracy is based on the principle of “one person, one vote”. Every registered voter is entitled to vote for every office on the ballot – ONCE-- in each election.

Fair and honest general elections require that voters cast just one vote for their U.S. Congressional Representatives, Senators and the President of the United States.

Voting in more than one state for these national offices in a single election year is intentional and should be subject to prosecution.

Please give **SB 0364** a **FAVORABLE** Report.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman

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SB 364 Election Law – Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States – Prohibition

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Senate Bill 364 will prohibit a person from willfully and knowingly casting a ballot in the general election in more than one state. A person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for up to five years.

This was requested in the past by the Carroll County Board of Election, this legislation is based on a 2018 case where it was discovered that a Westminster, MD man, Jeffrey Hartman, had voted nine times in both Maryland and West Virginia beginning in 2006. Mr. Hartman was prosecuted in West Virginia and sentence to 30 days in jail, one year of probation, and order to pay \$100 in court costs. Mr. Hartman should have also been charged in Maryland. This bill simply fixes a loophole in our law.

Senate Bill 364 will add voting in two states to the list of voting violations already listed in the Election Law Article and allow for proper enforcement. I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 364.

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Maryland Resident Convicted of Illegal Voting in Morgan County

10/26/2018

Another Voting Fraud Conviction Obtained in West Virginia

Charleston, W.Va.— Secretary of State Mac Warner has announced that another conviction for voter fraud has been secured by his office.

Jeffrey Hartman, 73, of Westminster, Maryland, plead guilty to illegal voting in the Morgan County Magistrate Court on Tuesday. The investigation, conducted by West Virginia Secretary of State Investigator Gary Harmison, revealed Hartman was registered to vote in both West Virginia and Maryland. Hartman had cast ballots nine times in both states since 2006.

Hartman was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended for one year of probation and ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

Warner encourages citizens to call the **Secretary of State's Investigation Division** (</about/Pages/Investigations.aspx>) at **(877) FRAUD-WV** (</about/Pages/Investigations.aspx>) if they observe illegal election activity.

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SB0364 is a very good bill (addition) that is NEEDED to protect the integrity of our elections and an individual's cast vote. Honestly how is this not already included in existing law 16-201? IT MUST BE Added, thank you for caring about our election process. PLEASE PASS THIS BILL.

Suzanne Price
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Prohibiting a person from willfully or knowingly casting a ballot in a general election in more than one state in the same year.

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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!!

Trudy Tibblas

A Concerned Mother and Maryland resident

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SB 364 – Election Law - Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States - Prohibition

POSITION: Oppose

BY: Linda Kohn, President

DATE: February 21, 2024

The League always testifies in favor or in opposition to a bill when we have an adopted position or principle to do so. Understandably, we have not adopted a position that prohibits passing laws about things that are already prohibited by law.

Note that SB 364 proposes enacting a prohibition against something that's already illegal. See Title 52 of the **U.S. Code (Voting and Elections)**, §10307:

(e) Voting more than once:

(1) Whoever votes more than once in an election referred to in paragraph (2) shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(2) The prohibition of this subsection applies with respect to any general, special, or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting or electing any candidate for the office of President, Vice President, presidential elector, Member of the United States Senate, Member of the United States House of Representatives, Delegate from the District of Columbia, Guam, or the Virgin Islands, or Resident Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In addition, as the bill itself shows, §16-201 of the **Maryland Code of Election Law** already says:

(a) A person may not willfully and knowingly: ...

(2) vote more than once for a candidate for the same office or for the same ballot question;

(3) vote or attempt to vote more than once in the same election, or vote in more than one election district or precinct;

This bill sends the erroneous message that voting in multiple states is a common practice that needs to be addressed in new legislation. In addition, it risks creating conflict in the applicable law. We urge you to reject this bill and issue an unfavorable report.