

SB0066 - Election Law- Polling Place Procedures- Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters with Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)
EEE Committee
Favorable

Dear Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair, Honorable Cheryl Kagan, Vice Chair and committee members:

As a citizen over 70 years of age and the parent of an adult son with multiple disabilities I am requesting that you vote in favor of the Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland (**SB0066**).

Through this bill guidelines would be established to implement a process that would accommodate and expediate voting for the elderly and individuals with disabilities. The primary strengths of this bill are:

- The process would be implemented at **each early voting center and polling place** which provides access to all registered voters who fall into these two categories. No partiality would be given to particular voters because of their location in the state.
- The bill provides guidelines for collecting feedback from voters in order to make immediate adjustments to the process at the particular sites. Making these types of adjustments immediately provide additional feedback in a real time setting which is a “win” for all.
- Election judge training would include best practices for assisting voters which would not only improve the experience for elderly and citizens with disabilities but all voters.

Please vote in favor of **SB0066** so that our elderly voters may continue to vote and those with disabilities may have that opportunity to do so in an appropriate and efficient manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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