

HB0091 -Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity

FAVORABLE POSITION

Honorable Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am writing to urge your support for House Bill 0091, which aims to strengthen the integrity of Maryland's election process by requiring proof of identity for in-person voting.

This bill addresses a crucial aspect of our democratic process: ensuring that votes are cast by verified individuals. The requirement for voters to present a form of identification, whether it be a government-issued ID or a combination of a photo ID and a document showing their address, is a fundamental step in maintaining the trust and legitimacy of our elections.

By implementing these measures, we not only safeguard against the rare but possible instances of voter fraud but also bolster voter confidence. Every Marylander should feel secure that their vote carries the weight it deserves, undiluted by any potential irregularities.

Moreover, this bill does not disenfranchise voters; instead, it provides an avenue for those without immediate access to ID through the use of provisional ballots. This balance ensures that while we uphold security, we do not obstruct the democratic right to vote.

Please vote in favor of HB0091 to enhance the credibility of our elections and maintain Maryland's standing as a state committed to fair, transparent, and secure voting practices.

Sincerely,

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