



SB 0073: Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland
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Position: Support

The Maryland Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition (MDAC) is a coalition of the five Down syndrome organizations in Maryland as well as individuals with Down syndrome and their family members who have come together to advocate for improved quality of life for all individuals with Down syndrome throughout the state of Maryland. MDAC works in coalition with other disability and advocacy organizations across the state and supports many legislative and policy efforts.

MDAC strongly supports SB73, which would require the Board of Elections to make plans, offer training, and evaluate efforts to ensure voting accessibility for people with disabilities and the elderly.

SB73 is aligned with one of MDAC's guiding principles: "People with Down syndrome are able to participate in all aspects of civic life, including accessible voting, contributing to legislative advocacy, and communicating their views publicly." People with Down syndrome and other intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are able to vote in any election they see fit, "unless they are under guardianship and also found by a court to be unable to express desire to vote." ¹

My name is Charles Bouloukos and I live in Baltimore County. I am 27, I volunteer in my community regularly, and fitness is important to me. I love sports and music. And I have Down syndrome.

I have voted in three elections. The first time I voted, it was at the polling place near my house, and everyone was so nice. They said they were proud of me! In the other two elections, I took my ballot to a box. Before I voted, I learned about the candidates and then I made my decision about who stands for the things I think are important. I vote for candidates who believe in supporting people who might need extra help to succeed. I want people with Down syndrome and other disabilities to be represented. It is important to me to have a voice in who makes our laws.

It is important that I am able to vote. My right to vote is protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act. This bill calls for practical ways to make sure my friends and I can vote within the ADA. For these reasons, I support SB0073.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Submitted by,

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¹ <https://disabilityrightsmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-DRM-Voter-Information-1.pdf> - accessed February 2026

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