

SB 845: Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act: Please vote to **SUPPORT** this bill.

Dear Education, Energy & the Environment Committee:

I am writing to respectfully **support SB 845**, the *Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act*.

Maintaining accurate and up-to-date voter registration rolls is fundamental to preserving public confidence in our election system. Ensuring that voter lists are regularly reviewed and properly maintained helps prevent administrative errors, reduces the potential for duplicate or outdated registrations, and strengthens overall election integrity.

This bill strengthens current procedures by requiring immediate removal of registered voters upon receipt of credible death reports from reliable sources, such as the Social Security Administration or other states' vital statistics agencies. It includes essential protections to prevent errors: if evidence emerges that a removed voter is actually alive, the election director must promptly restore the registration or refer the case to the local board for a fair hearing. Additionally, it authorizes the State Board of Elections to step in and ensure compliance if any local board fails to act, promoting consistency across Maryland.

These targeted, common-sense measures improve list maintenance without imposing new burdens on voters, infringing on rights, or affecting living registrants. Accurate voter rolls benefit everyone—voters, election officials, and candidates alike. Clear procedures for list maintenance promote transparency, consistency, and accountability while safeguarding the rights of eligible voters. When registration records reflect current residency and eligibility information, the risk of confusion at polling locations is reduced and election administration becomes more efficient.

Importantly, responsible list maintenance does not restrict lawful voters. Rather, it ensures that the system functions as intended and that every legally cast ballot is counted accurately. Strengthening voter registration accuracy reinforces public trust and helps protect the integrity of Maryland's democratic processes.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to **support SB 845**.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

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