



Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association  
**Protecting the Future of Continuing Care Residents**  
**The Voice of Continuing Care Residents at Annapolis**

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill Senate Bill 73 - Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Energy, Education, and the Environment Committee  
The Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair  
**DATE:** February 11, 2026  
**POSITION:** **Favorable**

**The Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association (MaCCRA)** is a not-for-profit organization representing the residents in continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). Maryland has over 20,000 older adults living in 38 licensed CCRCs. The principal purpose of MaCCRA is to protect and enhance the rights, well-being, and financial security of current and future residents while maintaining the viability of the providers whose interests are frequently the same as their residents. MaCCRA supports efforts to enhance transparency, accountability, financial security, and preserve existing protections in law and regulation for current and future CCRC residents statewide.

On behalf of the MaCCRA, we support Senate Bill 73.

The bill as drafted “requires the State Board of Elections (SBE) to establish guidelines for, and the local boards of elections to implement, a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at early voting centers and polling places, beginning with the 2026 primary election. The existing election judge training program also must include instruction on best practices for assisting elderly voters and voters with disabilities. SBE must monitor the implementation of the guidelines and submit an annual report to the General Assembly by January 15 of each year.”

MaCCRA members appreciate efforts to ensure access to voting in addition to the other voting options (absentee ballots) and supports the specific requirements in the proposed guidelines to make voting easier for senior citizens.

**We ask for a favorable report on Senate Bill 73.**

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