

The Case for a Secure Election

“The right of voting for our representatives is the primary right by which all other rights are protected.” — Thomas Paine

Accurate voter rolls are essential to fair, transparent, and secure elections. Without them, errors and fraud can undermine public trust and the integrity of our democracy.

Why Clean Voter Rolls Matter

- Prevents ineligible, duplicate, or deceased individuals from receiving ballots
- Reduces election vulnerabilities
- Ensures confidence in election outcomes
- Required by state and federal law (Election Law §3–505, NVRA 1993)

Talking Points to Underscore Importance of Election Accountability

- This is a **non-partisan effort to restore trust** in our election system for the benefit of all Marylanders.
- This is not about relitigating past elections. This is about using identified system vulnerabilities to secure FUTURE elections.
- Accurate voter rolls comprised of only eligible Maryland voters serve as the backbone of a secure election system. Election officials have an affirmative duty to maintain the accuracy of these voter rolls.
- Our Maryland State Voter Registration Database is considered critical infrastructure therefore it is essential to manage this system with a keen eye on vulnerabilities and potential threats.
- **Voter rolls are a dynamic system. Therefore, our primary concern isn't the number of inaccuracies at any given moment, but rather addressing the vulnerabilities in the system that lead to these inaccuracies.**

Report Presentation and Follow Up Questions

According to the report generated on 6/20/25 which we submitted to the Office of Special Prosecutor

1036 deceased citizens listed on the official Maryland voter rolls. Many have been deceased for decades going back as far as 2010.

In accordance with our duties to oversee responsible management of our government agencies and critical systems, we request answers to the following questions:

Can you explain to the committee in detail:

1. Why is it that many of these registrations have been on the rolls since 2010?
2. What changes in the voter list maintenance procedures will you implement to ensure deceased voters are removed from the voter rolls or made inactive within three months after their death?

3. What changes in statute do you recommend that will allow the State Board of Elections timely removal of confirmed deceased citizens from the voter rolls?

749 duplicate registrations comprised of two or more voter registration records that contain the exact match of first name, address, and date of birth or the fuzzy match of same first name, same last name, same address, and date of birth within +/- 30 days.

1. What is it about the existing voter list maintenance process that enabled duplication registrations to exist on the voter rolls?
2. What changes in the voter list maintenance procedures will you implement to ensure duplicate registration requests are identified prior to adding to the voter rolls?
3. What changes in the voter list maintenance procedures will you implement to detect and remedy duplicate voter registrations already in the voter rolls?
4. What changes in statute do you recommend that will allow the State Board of Elections timely identification and removal of confirmed duplicate citizens from the voter rolls?

NCOA Report from March 2025 (December 2024 voter database)

170,210 registered voters listed moved out of MD

Article 1, Election Franchise, Section 1 of the Maryland Constitution states that a person “shall be entitled to vote there until the person shall have acquired a residence in another election district”. It has been reported that there are **170,210** registered and active voters in December 2024 voter rolls purchased from the SBE that have permanently moved according to the U.S. Post Office (USPS) National Change of Address (NCOA) database.

Constitution and statute statements

1. Can you explain with supporting details why the **170,210** voters who have moved according to the USPS are still on the Maryland Voter Registration list? Many of these voters moved over 5 years ago
2. What procedures will be put in place to assure this does not happen in the future
3. What procedures will be put in place to remove or inactivate ineligible names on the voter list that have moved.
4. Is there anything you need from the legislature to help make sure voters who have permanently moved are removed or made inactive on the voter rolls?

66,493 potentially Bad Addresses

- **11,946** good addresses which are undeliverable (no access to property)
- **115** invalid, missing, insufficient data
- **9389** undeliverable address, no valid delivery point
- **800** commercial

- *30,010 vacant*
- *14,233 P.O. Boxes*

Section 33.05.04.04 (1) (b) of COMAR states that the “Residential address, including any applicable apartment number” is required when registering to vote. Also in 33.05.04.04 (1) (c) it states, “Mailing address, if different from the residence address.” In addition, COMAR 33.04.02.02 states that individuals who meet defined criteria can have their residential address designated as confidential.

1. Can you verify with supporting detail that all active voters without a certified US Post Office mailing address (residential address) meet the confidential requirements?
2. Has the MD State BOE ever considered a training on how to read NCOA reports with emphasis on the meaning and action of all the codes?
3. What changes will be made to ensure that only voters not qualified to be confidential are in the Maryland voter rolls with a certified residential address?

Inconsistent official results reported by State Board of Elections.

Official Results from Maryland State Board of Elections Official Turnout Statistics Report, Official Results by aggregating the county EL52 reports, and Election Administration and Voting Survey Report sent to EAC - Number of Voters who Cast a Ballot that was Counted do not agree or reconcile.

1. Can you explain with supporting details **why the numbers in the reports do not agree?**
2. What procedures will be put in place to assure the numbers in all reports agree in the future?
3. Is there anything you need from the legislature to help ensure that all the reports agree?

Simple solution: Voter ID and Same Day Voting.