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Testimony on SB 236
Election Law - Certification of Election-Supporting Technology - Regulations, Review, and
Evaluation
Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Favorable

Common Cause Maryland is in favor of SB 236, which would direct the State Board of Elections to certify election-supporting technology for ranked choice voting elections. As more jurisdictions through the state explore or adopt ranked choice voting, election administrators need access to reliable tools that have been vetted at the state level.

Our election administrators at the local and state level do extraordinary work to ensure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. We entrust them to run our elections and it is imperative that we equip them with the necessary tools to do the work.

By supporting SB 236, we empower local election administrators with trusted technology, reducing administrative burdens, and reinforcing Maryland's commitment to secure, transparent, and well-run elections. We should continue supporting the election officials who work tirelessly to ensure every Marylander's vote is counted accurately and fairly. This bill will give them the tools to do so.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 236.