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## Support for Senate Bill 845 - Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act

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The current law and processes keep confirmed deceased voters on the voter registration list longer than absolutely necessary. Leaving confirmed deceased as determined by official sources on the voter registration list exposes a vulnerability that can easily be exploited by those in our society who have and want to commit voter fraud.

The updates proposed in SB0845 provides for the immediate closure of the vulnerability AND provides an acceptable remedy for the Local and State Board of Elections in the rare case there was an issue with the data received from the official sources.

In addition, the state provides for same day registration if the voter shows up to vote and their name was removed in error.

The changes proposed in Senate Bill 845 will make our voter registration list stronger and will help in restoring the needed trust in our election system.

Please vote for a favorable ruling for SB 845

# 2024 Election Accuracy Report.pdf

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# *Restoring Faith in Maryland Elections*

February 27, 2024

Cc: State Board of Elections Members; Local Board of Election Members

Mr. Demarinis and Maryland State Board of Elections Members,

Over the past three years, a team of dedicated Maryland citizens has organized various efforts to verify the accuracy of our official Maryland State Voter Registration Database and official Maryland reports. For example, we have focused on canvassing registration addresses to confirm their validity and analyzing the official Maryland voter registration database in order to identify potential inaccuracies. Our team includes trained data scientists, computer programmers, statisticians, attorneys, and a group of dedicated registered voters from across all 24 Maryland jurisdictions.

The following report is in service of restoring faith in our elections. In recent years, despite the sincere and honest efforts of our local Board of Elections officials, faith and confidence in our election process has drastically decreased. We firmly believe, in order to restore confidence in our elections, Marylanders need to publicly see their concerns being addressed. This report gives our Maryland state elections officials an opportunity to openly respond and work with us to address these concerns.

Our intention in this report is to provide the State Board of Elections with critical data we have collected to assist in maintaining an accurate voter registration database. It is our sincere hope this report will serve as an opportunity for the State Board of Elections to review the inaccurate registrations and unexplained anomalies we have identified as well as an opportunity to consider the potential election system vulnerabilities which may have caused these issues.

The following report is a presentation of our findings.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these findings and subsequent action. We look forward to collaborating with you to address the vulnerabilities outlined in this report. With the 2024 Primary and General elections approaching rapidly, time is of the essence. We kindly request a response within the next ten business days. Failure to do so may necessitate exploring alternative avenues, potentially involving legal action.

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# RESTORING FAITH IN MARYLAND ELECTIONS



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# *Restoring Faith in Maryland Elections*

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**GOAL:** *Restore faith in our elections by identifying vulnerabilities in our election system and working together with the Board of Election officials taking a proactive approach to updating, fixing, and eliminating processes that created the vulnerabilities we have identified in advance of the 2024 Primary and General Election.*

**CANVASS:** *Physical canvassing of Maryland Registration addresses to verify accuracy of data on record.*

**Sources:** Official Maryland State Voter Registration Database

**Methods:** Trained volunteers familiar with voter registration processes and respectful canvassing practices. (Training materials available upon request)

➤ **CLAIMS:**

- 58 inaccurate records across state represented 15% of the 383 records surveyed and an alarming 32% of the 180 records contacted.
- 61 inaccurate records in Baltimore County represented 14% of the 418 records successfully contacted.
- 5,625 Apparent Fraudulent Votes (*Derived from a sample size of 383 registered voters who were listed as having voted but did not vote - 95% confidence level with a +/-5 margin for error*).

**DATA ANALYSIS:** *Meticulous analysis of our official Maryland State Voter Registration Database to identify inaccuracies and vulnerabilities.*

**Sources:** Official Maryland State Voter Registration Database (Voter Registration Database snapshots were purchased 8/2021, 12/2021, 7/2022, 8/2022, 12/2022, 1/2023, 2/2023, 3/2023, 4/2023, 5/2023, 6/2023, and 7/2023).

**Methods:** Experienced Computer scientists, Data Analysts, and Computer Programmers trained in SQL

➤ **CLAIMS:**

- 79,349 Current Apparent Registration Violations
- 62,075 Voting Violations in the 2020GE
- 27,623 Voting Violations in the 2022GE

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** *Based on identified vulnerabilities and settled Federal and Maryland State law, our team has compiled a list of recommendations which, when executed jointly, will restore faith and confidence in our election system and optimize the security, safety, and accuracy of our elections. The joint teams are optimal if comprised of State Board of Election representatives and Select Qualified citizens.*

# MARYLAND CROSS STATE CANVASS

**OVERVIEW:** *Canvass all 24 Maryland Voting Jurisdictions to verify Voter Registration List Accuracy.*

- Canvass was derived from a universe of 112,506 registered voters across all 24 jurisdictions who voted in the 2020GE.
- Sample size of 383 registered voters was determined by the proportion of target population we needed to interview to achieve a 95% confidence level with a +/-5 margin for error.
- Universe of 112,506 registered voters was scientifically randomized using a NIST approved algorithm to remove any bias.
- 383 voter registrations were selected and surveyed from the randomized list.
- 180 of the 383 voters successfully surveyed.
- 58 inaccurate registrations identified.

**METHOD:** *During the September-November 2023 timeframe, a team of trained citizen volunteers canvassed our scientifically randomized list of registered voters across all 24 jurisdictions who voted in the 2020 GE. List was derived from the Official Maryland State Registration Database using the process described above. Each volunteer was given a list of records for their assigned jurisdiction. Volunteers primary purpose was to verify if the Official Maryland State Voter Registration Database accurately reflected the voter registration information listed in the record.*

- 383 doors surveyed.
- 180 voters successfully contacted.
- 20 refused the survey.
- 102 records were verified.

**RESULTS:** 58 records were identified as inaccurate.

- 31 records were identified as Moved while still being listed as an active voter.
- 2 records were identified as Unauthorized Ballot Collection.
- 5 records reflected addresses determined to be Abandoned Buildings (4 out of these 5 addresses located in Baltimore City).
- 20 records were determined to reflect a fraudulent vote having been cast for the voter (Voter registration record reflected voter had voted in the 2020 General Election (GE) yet the voter confirmed they did not vote in the 2020 GE).
- These 58 inaccurate records represent 15% of the 383 records canvassed and an alarming 32% of the 180 records successfully surveyed.

❖ *See Appendix A: Cross State Canvass Results for detailed results.*

## BALTIMORE COUNTY CANVASS

OVERVIEW: *Canvass Baltimore County to verify Voter Registration List Accuracy.*

- The target was every registered voter in our geographically selected precincts within Baltimore County.
- 904 doors surveyed and 418 registered voters successfully contacted.
- 61 inaccurate registrations identified

METHOD: *During the February-April 2023 timeframe, a team of citizen volunteers canvassed three randomly selected precincts in Baltimore County. Each volunteer was given a list of records from the Official Maryland State Voter Registration Database organized by the precinct. Volunteers primary purpose was to verify if the Official Baltimore County Voter Registration Database accurately reflected the voter registration information listed in the record.*

- 904 doors surveyed.
- 418 registered voters successfully contacted.

RESULTS: Of the 418 contacted, 61 records were identified as inaccurate.

- 50 records were identified as Moved.
- 4 records were identified as Deceased.
- 2 records were identified as Identity Unknown (*individual never lived at the address*).
- 5 records were identified as Inaccurate (*some part of the record was incorrect*).
- **These 61 inaccurate records represent 6% of the 904 records canvassed and an alarming 14% of 418 records successfully surveyed.**

❖ *See Appendix B: Baltimore County Canvass Results for detailed results.*

## APPARENT REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS

| INELIGIBLE OR<br>UNCERTAIN<br>REGISTRATION TYPE                           | VIOLATIONS    | LAW/RULE IN VIOLATION  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Illegal duplicate registrations   | 1,699         | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); § 3-101          |
| Questionable Inactive Status  | 25,084        | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); §§ 3-502 - 3-503 |
| Active Registrations without a certified U.S. Post Office mailing address | 3,366         | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                                   |
| Active Registrants who moved at least 4 years ago                         | 5,680         | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3 Moved Voters §3-502                                   |
| Active Registrations with no residential address (PO Box, UPS or FedEx)   | 605           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                                   |
| Active Registrations with Nonstandard address                             | 296           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                                   |
| Active Registrants who are deceased                                       | 1,218         | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title Deceased Voters 3§3-504                                 |
| Age discrepant registrants (younger than 16)                              | 883           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                                   |
| Questionable Registration Date  | 40,518        | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); § 3-101          |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS</b>                                      | <b>79,349</b> |  |

## APPARENT VOTER VIOLATIONS

| INELIGIBLE OR<br>UNCERTAIN<br>REGISTRATION TYPE<br>THAT VOTED             | 2020          | 2022          | LAW/RULE IN VIOLATION  |
|---|---------------|---------------|--|
| Illegal duplicate registrations   | 1,323         | 822           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); § 3-101  |
| Questionable Inactive Status  | 23,558        | 455           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); §§ 3-502 - 3-503   |
| Active Registrations without a certified U.S. Post Office mailing address | 1374          | 560           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102   |
| Active Registrants who moved at least 4 years ago                         | 3,704         | 1379          | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3 Moved Voters §3-502   |
| Active Registrations with no residential address (PO Box, UPS or Fedex)   | 312           | 151           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102   |
| Active Registrations with Nonstandard address                             | 111           | 61            | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102   |
| Active Registrants who are deceased                                       | 4             | 0             | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title Deceased Voters §3-504  |
| Age Discrepant  | 471           | 229           | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102   |
| Questionable Registration Date  | 29,755        | 23,902        | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3; 3-102; §§3-301-3-306   |
| Registered after General Election   | 1463          | 64            | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3; 3-102; §§3-301-3-306   |
| <b>TOTAL APPARENT VOTING VIOLATIONS</b>                                   | <b>62,075</b> | <b>27,623</b> | <b>Federal Law only allows for 24 Votes in Error for the 2020 election and 16 Votes in Error for 2022 (based on Official Turnout of 3,066,945 and 2,031,635 in 2020 and 2022 respectively). Help America Vote Act, 2002. 252 USC Ch. 209 § 21081 Voting Systems and Standards (5) ERROR RATES. For each processing function indicated above, the system shall achieve a target error rate of no more than one in 10,000,000 ballot positions, with a maximum acceptable error rate in the test process of one in 500,000 ballot positions. (1/125,000, 2005)</b> |
| <b>VOTES OVER THE ALLOWABLE ERROR RATE</b>                                | <b>62,051</b> | <b>27,607</b> | <b>Total number of apparent voting violations minus 24 and 16 allowable errors in 2020GE and 2022GE respectively.</b>  |

## ADDITIONAL INACCURACIES, DESCREPENCIES AND CONCERNS

| <b>ADDITIONAL INACCURACIES<br/>DESCREPANCIES, and CONCERNS</b>   | <b>2020</b>      | <b>2022</b>      | <b>Notes</b>   |
|--|------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Unreconciled Blank ballots cast in General Election</b>   | <b>98,095</b>    | <b>82,356</b>    | <b>Incomplete and inconsistent definition of blank ballot with a large number in both the 2020 and 2022 General Elections</b>  |
| <b>Registered voters listed as having voted but did not vote (data only available for 2020 General Election)</b> | <b>5,625</b>     |                  | <b>Extrapolated using the well-defined survey statistical method and results described in the "MARYLAND CROSS STATE CANVASS" section. The 5,625 result represents 5% of 112,506 registered voters with a 95% confidence interval with a +/- 5% Margin of Error</b> |
| <b>Official Results from Maryland State Board of Elections Official Turnout Statistics Report</b>                | <b>3,066,945</b> | <b>2,031,635</b> |  |
| <b>Official Results by aggregating the county EL52 reports</b>   | <b>3,054,725</b> | <b>2,031,853</b> | <b>Different reports generated and released by the Maryland State Board of Elections do not agree or reconcile</b>   |
| <b>Election Administration and Voting Survey Report sent to EAC</b>  |                  |                  |  |
| <b>Number of Voters who Cast a Ballot that was Counted</b>   | <b>3,059,603</b> | <b>2,028,850</b> |  |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on identified vulnerabilities and settled Federal and Maryland State law, our team has compiled a list of recommendations which, when executed jointly, will restore faith and confidence in our election system and optimize the security, safety, and accuracy of our elections. The joint teams are best if comprised of State Board of Election representatives and Select Qualified citizens.

1. Jointly review and resolve identified registration violations in advance of the 2024 elections.
2. Create a joint List Maintenance Task force to identify and address additional inaccuracies found in the voter registration database.
3. Create a joint Voter Security Task force to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with the end-to-end voting system, evaluate the likelihood and impact of each, determine resolutions, and develop short-term mitigations to reduce the overall risk. The task force will focus on any entry point into the system where an intentional or unintentional action results in disenfranchising any voter by prohibiting a legitimate voter from voting and diluting the vote of a legally cast vote.
4. Jointly support through public writings and testimony all efforts that will improve the security of our election system and increase public faith and confidence in our election system.

## Appendix A

### Cross State Canvass Results

|  | TOTALS     | Percentage of Surveyed (180) | Percentage of Total Canvas (383) |
|--|------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL CANVASSED (Doors Knocked On)</b>  | <b>383</b> |                              | <b>100%</b>                      |
| <b>TOTAL SURVEYED (Live Conversations)</b> | <b>180</b> | <b>100%</b>                  | 47%                              |
| <b>Moved</b>                               | 31         | 17.22%                       | 8.09%                            |
| <b>DNV</b>                                 | 20         | 11.11%                       | 5.22%                            |
| <b>Unauthorized Ballot Harvest</b>         | 2          | 1.11%                        | 0.52%                            |
| <b>Vacant/Abandoned</b>                    | 5          | 2.78%                        | 1.31%                            |
| <b>Verified</b>                            | 102        | 56.67%                       | 26.63%                           |
| <b>Refused Survey</b>                      | 20         | 11.11%                       | 5.22%                            |
| <b># of Inaccurate Records Surveyed</b>    |            |                              | 58                               |
| <b>Rate of Inaccuracy - 383 total</b>      |            |                              | 15%                              |
| <b>Rate of Inaccuracy - 180 total</b>      |            |                              | 32%                              |

**SURVEYED = LIVE CONVERSATION**  
**CANVASSED = DOORS KNOCKED ON**

Sample size of 383 registered voters was determined by the proportion of target population we needed to interview to achieve a 95% confidence level with a +/-5 margin for error.

## Appendix B

# Baltimore County Canvass Results

| CATEGORY                        | TOTAL | PERCENTAGE OF<br>TOTAL<br>CANVASSED | PERCENTAGE<br>OF TOTAL<br>SURVEYED |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Canvassed</b>                | 904   | 100.00%                             | N/A                                |
| <b>Surveyed</b>                 | 418   | 46.24%                              | N/A                                |
| <b>Moved</b>                    | 50    | 5.53%                               | 11.96%                             |
| <b>Deceased</b>                 | 4     | 0.44%                               | 0.96%                              |
| <b>Suspicious Identity</b>      | 2     | 0.22%                               | 0.48%                              |
| <b>Incorrect Record</b>         | 5     | 0.55%                               | 1.20%                              |
| <b>TOTAL INACCURATE RECORDS</b> | 61    | 6.75%                               | 14.59%                             |

## Appendix C

### FEDERAL and MARYLAND STATE LAWS and REGULATIONS VIOLATED

- U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 1. Citizenship Clause
- 52 USC Ch. 205 National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (Moter Voter) § 20501 Findings and Purposes
- 52 USC Ch. 209 Help America Vote Act, 2002 § **21081** Voting Systems and Standards (5) ERROR RATES
- Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses
- *8<sup>th</sup> Addition, December 2017*
- Voting System Standards, Vol.1  
*Performance Standards April 2002*  
*Federal Election Commission United States of America*  
*3.2.1. Accuracy Requirements*
- 52 USC Subtitle 1 Voting Rights Act of 1965
- 52 USC § **10101 Voting Rights**
- Prohibition Against Misrepresentation; 18 USC §1028A – Aggravated Identity Theft
- Md. Code, Elec. Law § 2-102 Powers and Duties State Board of Elections
- Md. Code, Elec. Law (Subtitles 1-6) §3-101; §§ 3-502 - 3-503 Voter Registration
- Md. Code, Elec. Law §3–102 Eligibility
- Md. Code, Elec. Law §3–502 Moved Voters
- Md. Code, Elec. Law §3–504 Deceased Voters
- Md. Code, Elec. Law §9-102(d)(1)(i) and (ii) Voting Systems
- Md. Code, Elec. Law §11-503 Statewide Canvass and Certification
- Md. Code, Elec. Law § 16-101 Voter Fraud
- Md. Code Regs. 33.10.01.18 Ballots- Chain of Custody

## Appendix D

| <b>REGISTRATION VIOLATION CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES</b>   |                   |  |
|---|-------------------|--|
| <b>CATEGORIES</b>   | <b>VIOLATIONS</b> | <b>LAW/RULE IN VIOLATION</b>   |
| <b>Illegal duplicate registrations</b>  | <b>1,699</b>      | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); § 3-101          |
| Match (First name, Address, DOB)  | 1,288             |  |
| Fuzzy Match (First name, Last name, Address, DOB +/- 30 days)   | 411               |  |
| <b>Questionable Inactive Status</b>   | <b>25,084</b>     | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); §§ 3-502 - 3-503 |
| No vote 2016, voted 2020, Inactive 12/2021  | 23,088            |  |
| Inactive after 2022 Primary, Active Post 2022 GE, Inactive by 4/2023  | 686               |  |
| Inactive before 2022 Primary, Active immediately after 2022 Primary, Inactive beginning again December 2022 | 1,310             |  |
| <b>Active Registrations without a certified U.S. Post Office mailing address</b>                            | <b>3,366</b>      | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                                   |
| <b>Active Registrants who moved at least 4 years ago</b>  | <b>5,680</b>      | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3 Moved Voters §3-502                                   |
| <b>Active Registrations with no residential address (PO Box, UPS or FedEx)</b>                              | <b>605</b>        | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                                   |

## Appendix D

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|---|-------------------|---|
| <b>CATEGORIES</b>   | <b>VIOLATIONS</b> | <b>LAW/RULE IN VIOLATION</b>  |
| <b>Active Registrations with Nonstandard address</b>        | <b>296</b>        | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                          |
| <b>Active Registrants who are deceased</b>                  | <b>1,218</b>      | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title Deceased Voters 3§3-504                        |
| <b>Age discrepant registrants (younger than 16)</b>         | <b>883</b>        | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102                          |
| <b>Questionable Registration Date</b>                       | <b>40,518</b>     | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); § 3-101 |
| January 1st registrations, all years 1900-2022              | 32,806            |   |
| Change registrations dates BEFORE State Registration Dates  | 4,732             |   |
| State Registration Date Changed                             | 2,358             |   |
| Date of Birth Changed                                       | 622               |   |
| <b>TOTAL REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS</b>                        | <b>79,349</b>     |   |

## Appendix E

### VOTING VIOLATION CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES

| CATEGORIES   | 2020          | 2022          | LAW/RULE IN VIOLATION   |
|--|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Illegal duplicate registrations</b>   | <b>1,323</b>  | <b>822</b>    | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); § 3-101</b>          |
| Apparent Voting Violation (Duplicate Match)  | 1,035         | 643           |   |
| Actual Voting Violation (Duplicate Match)  | 15            | 7             |   |
| Apparent Voting Violation (Fuzzy Match)  | 288           | 179           |   |
| Actual Voting Violation (Fuzzy Match)  | 1             | 1             |   |
| <b>Questionable Inactive Status</b>  | <b>23,558</b> | <b>455</b>    | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Voter Registration (Subtitles 1-6); §§ 3-502 - 3-503</b> |
| No vote 2016, voted 2020, Inactive 12/2021   | 23,088        |               |   |
| Inactive after 2022 Primary, Active Post 2022 GE, Inactive by 4/2023                                       |               | 344           |   |
| Inactive before 2022 Primary, Active immediately after 2022 Primary, Inactive again sometime after Primary | 470           | 111           |   |
| <b>Active Registrations w/o a Certified U.S. Post Office Mailing Address</b>                               | <b>1374</b>   | <b>560</b>    | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102</b>                                   |
| <b>Active Registrants Who Moved at Least 4 Years Ago</b>   | <b>3,704</b>  | <b>1379</b>   | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3 Moved Voters §3-502</b>                                   |
| <b>Active Registrations with NO Residential Address (PO Box, UPS or FedEx)</b>                             | <b>312</b>    | <b>151</b>    | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102</b>                                   |
| <b>Active Registrations with Nonstandard Address</b>   | <b>111</b>    | <b>61</b>     | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102</b>                                   |
| <b>Active Registrants who are Deceased</b>   | <b>4</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Deceased Voters §3-504</b>                               |
| <b>Age Discrepant</b>  | <b>471</b>    | <b>229</b>    | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3. Eligibility §3-102</b>                                   |
| Registrants younger than 16  | 455           | 217           |   |
| Voters younger than 18; older than 115   | 15            | 11            |   |
| <b>Questionable Registration Date</b>  | <b>29,755</b> | <b>23,902</b> | <b>Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3; 3-102; §§3-301-3-306</b>                                 |
| January 1st registrations, all years 1900-2022   | 25,587        | 21,442        |   |
| Change registrations dates BEFORE State Registration Dates   | 2982          | 1567          |   |
| State Registration Date Changed  | 842           | 596           |   |
| Date of Birth Changed  | 344           | 297           |   |

## Appendix E

### VOTING VIOLATION CATEGORIES AND SUB-CATEGORIES

| CATEGORIES                                  | 2020          | 2022          | LAW/RULE IN VIOLATION   |
|---|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Registered after General Election</b>    | <b>1463</b>   | <b>64</b>     | Maryland Annotated Code, Election Law Article, Title 3; 3-102; §§3-301-3-306  |
| <b>TOTAL APPARENT VOTING VIOLATIONS</b>     | <b>62,075</b> | <b>27,623</b> | Federal Law only allows for 24 Votes in Error for the 2020 election and 16 Votes in Error for 2022 (based on Official Turnout of 3,066,945 and 2,031,635 in 2020 and 2022 respectively). Help America Vote Act, 2002. 252 USC Ch. 209 § 21081 Voting Systems and Standards (5) ERROR RATES. For each processing function indicated above, the system shall achieve a target error rate of no more than one in 10,000,000 ballot positions, with a maximum acceptable error rate in the test process of one in 500,000 ballot positions. (1/125,000, 2005) |
| <b>Votes Over the Allowable Error Rate:</b> | <b>62,051</b> | <b>27,607</b> | <i>Total number of apparent voting violations minus 24 and 16 allowable errors in 2020GE and 2022GE respectively.</i>   |

# **OSP Cover Letter\_Duplicates and Deceased.pdf**

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July 23, 2025

Office of the Special Prosecutor  
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Re: Complaint Regarding NVRA Violations and Improper Voter List Maintenance by the Maryland State Board of Elections

Dear Special Prosecutor,

On behalf of SecureTheVoteMD, I am writing to formally submit a complaint regarding the Maryland State Board of Elections' persistent failure to fulfill its affirmative duties under **Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. § 20507)** to properly maintain the accuracy and integrity of Maryland's voter registration list. This provision of the NVRA requires states to implement a general program that makes a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters, including those who are deceased or have moved, from the official voter rolls.

Over the past several months, our organization has submitted multiple formal notifications to the State Board identifying serious list maintenance violations (see accompanying letter dated June 19, 2025), including duplicate voter registrations and deceased individuals remaining on the active voter rolls. Despite these efforts, the Board has been unresponsive and, to our knowledge, has taken no corrective action to investigate or remediate these violations as required by law.

Attached to this letter is a detailed report highlighting two urgent concerns:

1. A list of duplicate registrations currently active in Maryland's voter database – including numerous instances where individuals appear to have used both registrations to cast ballots in the same election.
2. A list of deceased individuals who remain registered to vote in Maryland – several of whom are recorded as having cast ballots posthumously.

We understand that voter list maintenance is an ongoing process and that some lag in removal is to be expected. However, we have specific concern regarding 29 records that indicate deceased voters casting ballots in multiple elections, clearly demonstrating that these records are not being removed in a timely manner. In fact, many of these deceased individuals were first reported to the State Board of Elections in August 2024, yet no action was taken to investigate or remove them. As a result, several of these same individuals remained on the rolls and went on to cast ballots in the 2024 General

Election. Our data supports the conclusion that these inaccuracies are not simply the result of timing delays, but rather reflect a deeper systemic failure within the list maintenance process.

Our report is accompanied by documented analysis and supporting notes which explain why each record was identified as a potential duplicate or deceased registrant. We have taken great care to ensure accuracy and transparency in compiling this data.

We respectfully submit this report to your office for review and urge you to investigate these findings. Furthermore, we ask that appropriate legal and administrative actions be taken to ensure that any confirmed ineligible or duplicate registrations are removed from the voter rolls in accordance with federal and state law. Failure to maintain a clean and accurate voter registration list compromises public confidence and directly undermines the integrity of Maryland's electoral process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We respectfully request email confirmation that this complaint has been received, that appropriate action will be taken, and that we will be updated on any findings. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our findings further and provide any additional documentation your office may require.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:

- Duplicate voters report\_6 20 2025
- Deceased voters report\_6 20 2025





## Deceased Voters Summary Report, 6/20/2025

Deceased voters found in voter list backed by obituaries.

Also reported are instances found where voter has voted in elections after date of death.

Source data: Voter info list dated 6/20/2025, Deceased voter list from Secure the Vote Maryland dated 8/14/2024

Report provided by: Secure the Vote Maryland, <https://securethevotemd.com>

| county           | Total | Active | Inactive | Moved to inactive | Removed | Total ballots cast after death | Ballots cast after death PG2024 | Ballots cast after death GG2022 | Ballots cast after death PG2020 | Ballots cast after death GG2018 | Ballots cast after death PG2016 |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total            | 1036  | 943    | 93       | 14                | 351     | 29                             | 10                              | 7                               | 6                               | 4                               | 0                               |
| Allegany         | 5     | 4      | 1        | 0                 | 6       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Anne Arundel     | 39    | 39     | 0        | 0                 | 104     | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Baltimore City   | 119   | 118    | 1        | 0                 | 5       | 2                              | 1                               | 1                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Baltimore County | 36    | 35     | 1        | 0                 | 39      | 4                              | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 0                               |
| Calvert          | 14    | 13     | 1        | 0                 | 7       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Caroline         | 2     | 2      | 0        | 0                 | 0       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Carroll          | 16    | 16     | 0        | 0                 | 3       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Cecil            | 2     | 2      | 0        | 0                 | 0       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Charles          | 47    | 46     | 1        | 0                 | 16      | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Dorchester       | 2     | 2      | 0        | 0                 | 3       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Frederick        | 72    | 67     | 5        | 0                 | 7       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Garrett          | 10    | 9      | 1        | 0                 | 3       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Harford          | 14    | 14     | 0        | 0                 | 11      | 4                              | 2                               | 0                               | 1                               | 1                               | 0                               |
| Howard           | 32    | 32     | 0        | 0                 | 26      | 4                              | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 0                               |
| Kent             | 0     | 0      | 0        | 0                 | 0       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Montgomery       | 172   | 150    | 22       | 0                 | 70      | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Prince George's  | 376   | 334    | 42       | 10                | 7       | 9                              | 3                               | 2                               | 2                               | 1                               | 0                               |
| Queen Anne's     | 1     | 1      | 0        | 0                 | 0       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Saint Mary's     | 18    | 14     | 4        | 1                 | 9       | 4                              | 1                               | 1                               | 1                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Somerset         | 0     | 0      | 0        | 0                 | 0       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Talbot           | 6     | 4      | 2        | 0                 | 0       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Washington       | 19    | 13     | 6        | 2                 | 26      | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Wicomico         | 11    | 11     | 0        | 0                 | 5       | 2                              | 1                               | 1                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |
| Worcester        | 23    | 17     | 6        | 1                 | 4       | 0                              | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               | 0                               |

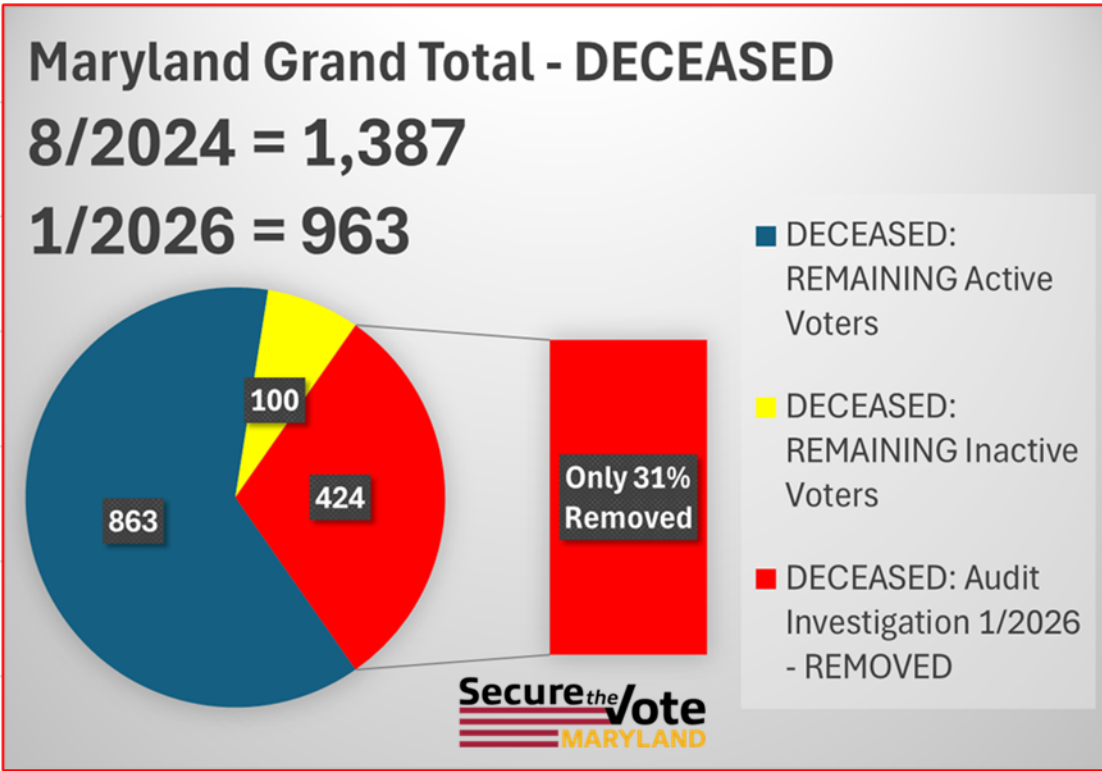
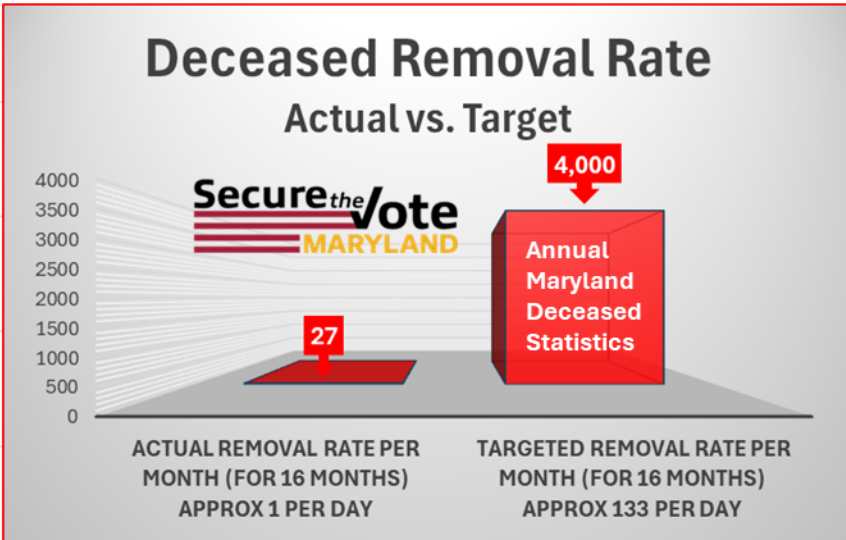
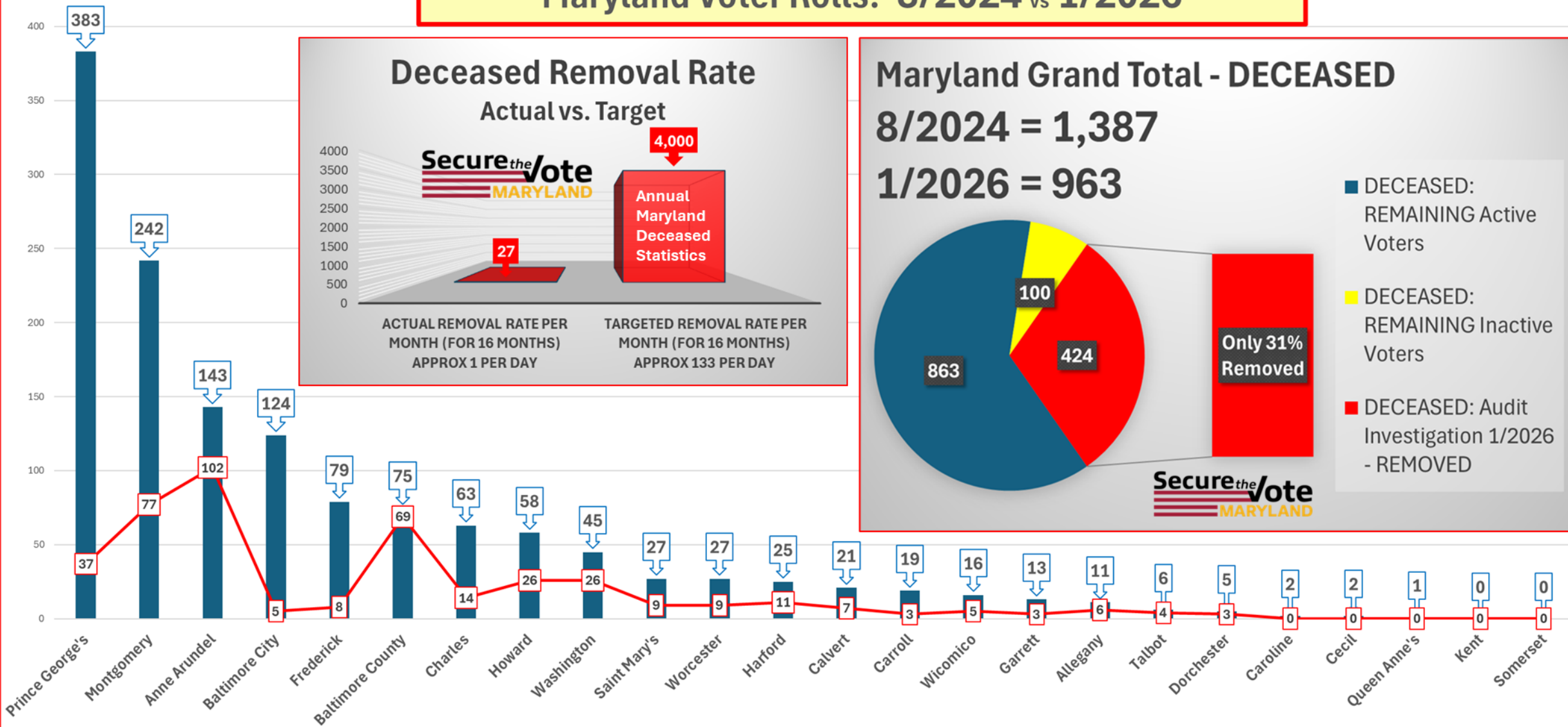
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# Investigative Audit - Deceased Voters

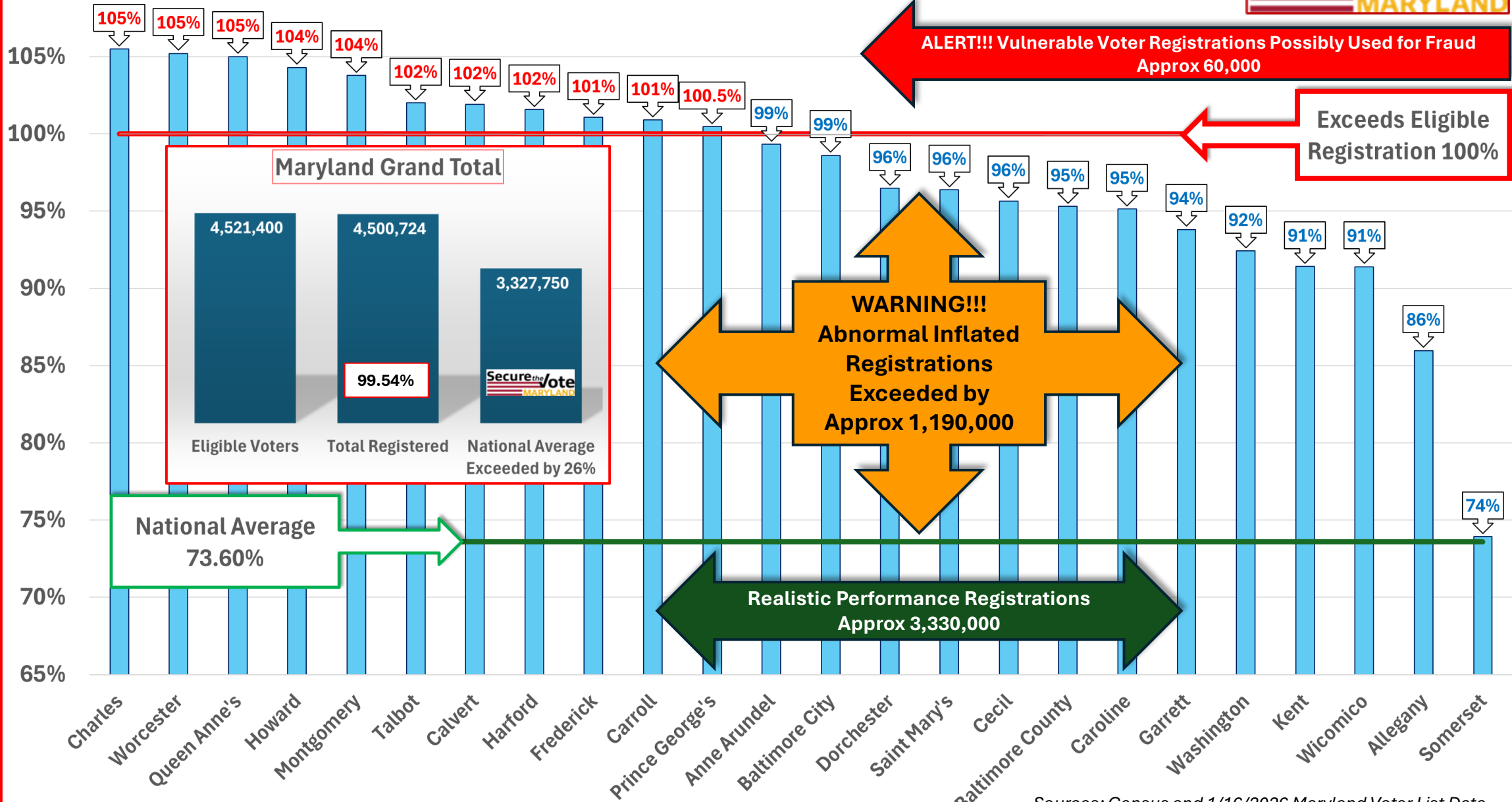
Maryland Voter Rolls: 8/2024 vs 1/2026



■ DECEASED: Audit Investigation 8/2024 - TOTAL

— DECEASED: Audit Investigation 1/2026 - REMOVED

# Investigative Audit - Maryland Inflated Voter Registrations



**Maryland Grand Total**

- Eligible Voters: 4,521,400
- Total Registered: 4,500,724
- National Average Exceeded by 26%: 3,327,750

99.54%

**National Average**  
73.60%

**Realistic Performance Registrations**  
Approx 3,330,000

**WARNING!!!**  
Abnormal Inflated Registrations Exceeded by Approx 1,190,000

**ALERT!!! Vulnerable Voter Registrations Possibly Used for Fraud**  
Approx 60,000

**Exceeds Eligible Registration 100%**

Sources: Census and 1/16/2026 Maryland Voter List Data



- Voters Registered vs Eligible Population
- Registration Rate Exceeds Eligible Population
- National Average

# **Voter Roll Inflation and NVRA Violations\_Maryland.**

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## Maryland Voter Roll Violations & Over-Registration Warning

### SecureTheVoteMD.com | 2025 Analysis

Under the **National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)**, states are required to maintain accurate and up-to-date voter registration lists. Yet, data from Maryland shows clear violations, with inflated rolls and active registrants exceeding the eligible population in some counties.

### NVRA Violations in Maryland - Summary by County

The following data highlights apparent violations of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) across Maryland counties. Key issues include duplicate registrations, deceased individuals remaining on the rolls, and voters registered as over 115 years old. The law also requires regular maintenance of voter rolls, including removal of individuals who have moved out of the state. **This summary underscores the urgent need for greater oversight and compliance with voter list maintenance provisions.**

| COUNTY           | DUPLICATE REGISTRANTS | DUPLICATE REGISTRANTS WHO VOTED | DECEASED REGISTRANTS | DECEASED REGISTRANTS WHO VOTED | REGISTERED VOTERS OLDER THAN 115 | REGISTERED VOTERS LISTED MOVED OUT OF MD | ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS LISTED MOVED OUT OF MD |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>749</b>            | <b>12</b>                       | <b>1,036</b>         | <b>10</b>                      | <b>68</b>                        | <b>60,305</b>                            | <b>19,624</b>                                   |
| Allegany         | 0                     | 0                               | 5                    | 0                              | 2                                | 630                                      | 142   |
| Anne Arundel     | 17                    | 0                               | 39                   | 0                              | 5                                | 4,982                                    | 2,024   |
| Baltimore City   | 163                   | 3                               | 119                  | 1                              | 0                                | 5,003                                    | 2,323   |
| Baltimore County | 145                   | 1                               | 36                   | 1                              | 1                                | 4,488                                    | 1,786   |
| Calvert          | 8                     | 0                               | 14                   | 0                              | 0                                | 740                                      | 286   |
| Caroline         | 3                     | 0                               | 2                    | 0                              | 0                                | 192                                      | 86  |
| Carroll          | 8                     | 1                               | 16                   | 0                              | 0                                | 1,193                                    | 400   |
| Cecil            | 11                    | 0                               | 2                    | 0                              | 0                                | 895                                      | 329   |
| Charles          | 11                    | 1                               | 47                   | 0                              | 1                                | 1,856                                    | 638   |
| Dorchester       | 2                     | 0                               | 2                    | 0                              | 0                                | 154                                      | 84  |
| Frederick        | 27                    | 0                               | 72                   | 0                              | 0                                | 3,513                                    | 1,100   |
| Garrett          | 1                     | 0                               | 10                   | 0                              | 0                                | 157                                      | 74  |
| Harford          | 16                    | 0                               | 14                   | 2                              | 0                                | 1,988                                    | 636   |
| Howard           | 30                    | 0                               | 32                   | 1                              | 2                                | 3,158                                    | 1,078   |
| Kent             | 1                     | 0                               | 0                    | 0                              | 0                                | 114                                      | 44  |
| Montgomery       | 108                   | 3                               | 172                  | 0                              | 28                               | 9,202                                    | 3,314   |
| Prince George's  | 169                   | 3                               | 376                  | 3                              | 25                               | 17,024                                   | 3,729   |
| Queen Anne's     | 6                     | 0                               | 1                    | 0                              | 0                                | 401                                      | 155   |
| Saint Mary's     | 4                     | 0                               | 18                   | 1                              | 1                                | 1,042                                    | 295   |
| Somerset         | 3                     | 0                               | 0                    | 0                              | 0                                | 90                                       | 56  |
| Talbot           | 1                     | 0                               | 6                    | 0                              | 0                                | 600                                      | 98  |
| Washington       | 12                    | 0                               | 19                   | 0                              | 1                                | 1,379                                    | 461   |
| Wicomico         | 1                     | 0                               | 11                   | 1                              | 0                                | 658                                      | 260   |
| Worcester        | 2                     | 0                               | 23                   | 0                              | 2                                | 846                                      | 226   |



## Maryland Voter Roll Inflation vs. National Average

This handout highlights Maryland counties where active voter registrations exceed reasonable expectations when compared to the national average registration rate of 75.60%. Several counties are registering over 90%, with some exceeding 100% of eligible voters, **signaling a failure to maintain accurate voter rolls in accordance with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).**

| COUNTY           | ELIGIBLE VOTERS  | TOTAL REGISTERED | PERCENT REGISTERED ELIGIBLE | ACTIVE REGISTERED | PERCENT ACTIVE REGISTERED ELIGIBLE | NATIONAL AVERAGE |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>4,561,401</b> | <b>4,483,467</b> | <b>98.29%</b>               | <b>4,257,176</b>  | <b>93.33%</b>                      | <b>75.60%</b>    |
| Allegany         | 54,562           | 47,034           | 86.20%                      | 44,158            | 80.93%                             | 75.60%           |
| Anne Arundel     | 447,561          | 440,018          | 98.31%                      | 414,157           | 92.54%                             | 75.60%           |
| Baltimore City   | 429,199          | 420,450          | 97.96%                      | 405,207           | 94.41%                             | 75.60%           |
| Baltimore County | 632,165          | 599,048          | 94.76%                      | 581,175           | 91.93%                             | 75.60%           |
| Calvert          | 72,323           | 73,193           | 101.20%                     | 69,974            | 96.75%                             | 75.60%           |
| Caroline         | 24,834           | 23,389           | 94.18%                      | 22,453            | 90.41%                             | 75.60%           |
| Carroll          | 134,869          | 135,075          | 100.15%                     | 129,649           | 96.13%                             | 75.60%           |
| Cecil            | 81,507           | 77,070           | 94.56%                      | 73,162            | 89.76%                             | 75.60%           |
| Charles          | 128,609          | 133,518          | 103.82%                     | 127,268           | 98.96%                             | 75.60%           |
| Dorchester       | 25,773           | 24,655           | 95.66%                      | 23,887            | 92.68%                             | 75.60%           |
| Frederick        | 217,057          | 216,436          | 99.71%                      | 205,627           | 94.73%                             | 75.60%           |
| Garrett          | 23,284           | 21,658           | 93.02%                      | 20,798            | 89.32%                             | 75.60%           |
| Harford          | 202,948          | 203,883          | 100.46%                     | 195,021           | 96.09%                             | 75.60%           |
| Howard           | 240,291          | 248,115          | 103.26%                     | 238,249           | 99.15%                             | 75.60%           |
| Kent             | 16,334           | 14,796           | 90.58%                      | 14,260            | 87.30%                             | 75.60%           |
| Montgomery       | 719,050          | 739,912          | 102.90%                     | 694,924           | 96.64%                             | 75.60%           |
| Prince George's  | 648,807          | 667,918          | 102.95%                     | 622,337           | 95.92%                             | 75.60%           |
| Queen Anne's     | 41,304           | 42,805           | 103.63%                     | 41,613            | 100.75%                            | 75.60%           |
| Saint Mary's     | 87,034           | 82,996           | 95.36%                      | 77,873            | 89.47%                             | 75.60%           |
| Somerset         | 20,343           | 14,861           | 73.05%                      | 14,486            | 71.21%                             | 75.60%           |
| Talbot           | 29,726           | 30,758           | 103.47%                     | 28,399            | 95.54%                             | 75.60%           |
| Washington       | 119,423          | 109,057          | 91.32%                      | 101,763           | 85.21%                             | 75.60%           |
| Wicomico         | 77,907           | 70,516           | 90.51%                      | 67,197            | 86.25%                             | 75.60%           |
| Worcester        | 43,919           | 46,306           | 105.44%                     | 43,539            | 99.13%                             | 75.60%           |

**SB 845 - Carozza Testimony\_FINAL.pdf**

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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

**March 4, 2026**

**The Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee**  
**SB 845 – Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act**  
**Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza**

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and my fellow members of the distinguished Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 845, the Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act, as amended.

I appreciate the willingness of State Board of Elections Administrator Jared DeMarinis to work with me in amending SB 845 to focus on an area that can be strengthened in the removal of deceased Maryland voters off the Maryland State Voter Registration list.

Senate Bill 845 would improve the process and timeline for ensuring that deceased Maryland voters once confirmed are removed from the statewide voter registration list. Local boards of elections already are required to remove deceased voters once the board receives a report of the death from an official government agency, and this legislation would require the Maryland Department of Health to broaden the report sent to the State Board of Elections including those who identified as out of state residents but are Maryland residents and who were reported deceased outside the State but identified as Maryland residents. If the State Board of Elections determines that a local board is not in compliance with the timely removal of confirmed deceased voters, the local board must develop a corrective action plan and undergo mandatory training of staff.

We all can agree that 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. The effort to work with local elected officials and the State Board of Election is a non-partisan effort to increase trust in Maryland's election system.

During the Interim, I met with constituents and other Maryland voters who have been working to increase the accuracy of Maryland's voter rolls and who have shared their findings with local boards of elections and the State Board of Elections.

Our Maryland State Voter Registration Database is considered critical infrastructure; 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 is not the inaccuracies at any given moment, but rather addressing the vulnerabilities in the system that lead to these inaccuracies.

I appreciate the serious effort that many of my constituents and Maryland voters have made to share data and information regarding inaccuracies with Maryland's voter rolls and their recommendation to address vulnerabilities in our election system. I plan to continue to work to improve the accuracy of Maryland's voter rolls, and I believe SB 845 takes a small step in good faith to improve the process for removing confirmed deceased voters from the Maryland voter registration list.

Accurate voter rolls are essential to fair, transparent, and secure elections. This is a narrow, non-partisan bill to move deceased Maryland voters off the voter rolls in a timely fashion that strengthens public trust and integrity in our elections.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 845.

# **SB0845 MD Voter Registraion List Accuracy.pdf**

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Jurisdiction: Cecil County

## SB0845 Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act

### FAVORABLE

The Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act will allow the LOCAL Boards of Elections to do their due diligence and maintain their voter rolls to be as accurate as possible. They can request funeral homes to send daily obituary notices, talk to the public about the importance of filling out change or cancel forms when their children leave home, make change forms and cancel forms available as well as registration forms at public events and generally enlist the publics' help in making each of their votes count.

In other words, the LOCAL Boards will have the final word on maintaining their rolls without fear that the State Board will flip inactive or cancelled registrations back to active status based on the concept of disenfranchising ineligible or deceased voters.

And of course, Local Boards will be able to react more quickly than the State Board if a mistake is made, as they are interested in making sure every eligible voter gets to vote.

This Voter Registration List Accuracy bill is important for the reasons mentioned above because there are three trends that have worked their way into the management of the MD State Board of Elections over the last few years.

- 1) The first is that we must not disenfranchise dead people by relying on the fact that they haven't voted in years or the funeral home has provided an obituary but family has moved away before signing a form for the State Board to affirm.
- 2) That it is not important if a person obviously moved out of the county or state or has not voted in 2 cycles.
- 3) It does not matter if a local board has classified a voter as Inactive because he died according to the funeral home or any additional research a local board has done. He can't be made inactive without a signature verifying death.

Not maintaining voter rolls can lead to fraud such as people using a deceased or moved voter's info to vote a ballot. Fraudulent votes dilute every citizen's vote and must be prevented.

I request that you return a FAVORABLE VOTE for Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act

**2026 March 2 Favorable SB 845 Sallie Taylor.pdf**

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Position: FAV

March 2, 2026

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman

Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan

Vice-Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

2 West Miller Senate Office Building

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RE: SB 845, Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice-Chair Kagan, and Members:

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 845, the Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act. This legislation addresses the important issue of ensuring that deceased individuals are removed from Maryland's voter registration rolls in a timely and efficient manner. Promptly removing deceased voters will help strengthen public confidence in our election system. Accurate voter rolls are fundamental to maintaining trust in the integrity of our election administration. Utilizing reliable data from state and federal agencies to verify deaths is a practical and sensible approach that will streamline the removal process and improve the overall accuracy of Maryland's voter registration lists.

Placing the burden on grieving family members to notify election officials and provide death certificates or other documentation is neither compassionate nor efficient. Families may face delays during an already difficult time, and in some cases, notification may not occur at all. Establishing a systematic, agency-based verification process is both more humane and more effective.

The oversight provisions in this bill give it real strength and demonstrate that the General Assembly is serious about maintaining accurate voter rolls. Requiring the State Board to act when a local board is noncompliant is essential to ensuring the task is done. Establishing clear timelines for remediation, along with the authority to withhold funds from noncompliant local boards, helps guarantee that removing deceased voters from the voter registration list becomes a priority rather than an afterthought.

I urge you to give SB 845 a favorable committee report to help ensure an accurate voter registration list and to reinforce public trust in Maryland's election administration.

Sincerely,

Sallie Taylor

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To whom it may concern,

I have worked extensively with the voter lists, and have found there to be a notable number of deceased individuals still listed on them. While door knocking for my campaign in 2022, I distinctly remember talking to the family of a voter that was actively listed, and being informed that they had been deceased for two full years. I have no wish to bring up such unfortunate discussions with family members already suffering from loss, and to this end, I see accurate modifications of the voter rules due to death as highly desirable.

I support this bill, and administrative accuracy in general.

Thank you for putting this forward,  
Travis Lerol

# **SB 845\_ Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy**

Uploaded by: Trudy Tibbals

Position: FAV

**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,

Trudy Tibbals



**SUPPORT FOR SB0845.pdf**

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Position: FAV

I am writing in support of SB0845, Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act. Over the past few years, I have been working with Secure The Vote MD. Since the Fall of 2024, I have turned in a total of 43 reported deceased individuals to the Local Boards of Elections in Wicomico and Worcester Counties. With those submissions were obituaries and/or other forms of documentation. I also submitted the same information to the Maryland State Board of Elections.

As of December 18th, 2025, at least 28 of those names remained on the voter rolls, and 89% of these names are coded as "Active Status." In Maryland, we need a better system of removing the deceased from the voter rolls.

Please give a Favorable Report to SB0845. Thank you.

Vincent Gisriel, Jr.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**SB 845, Maryland Voter Registration List Accuracy and Integrity Act**

**POSITION: Oppose**

**FROM: Linda Kohn, President**

**DATE: March 4, 2026**

The League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) believes that election systems must be accountable and the State Board of Elections should also have the legal authority and funding to develop and maintain a centralized, computerized voter registration list. SB 845 would amend the process for holding local Boards of Elections accountable for updating the voter registration list when reports are received to remove deceased voters.

In Maryland, reports to update voter files come in from multiple sources—Department of Health, state and federal courts, US Postal Service, jury commissioners and the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) that helps share data between participating states. Reports come in continuously, as frequently as monthly. Information is shared with local Boards of Elections who help update the statewide voter registration database (MDVOTERS). A 2023 report from the Maryland Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) recommended that the State Board of Elections (SBE) strengthen its procedures to identify deceased or duplicative voters; in October 6, 2025, OLA reported that SBE had “fully addressed” the report’s findings.

Someone voting on behalf of a deceased voter is fraud. The Heritage Foundation’s “Election Fraud Map,” reports a sampling of proven cases of election fraud going back to 1982 (data were last updated in December 2025). Their information reports 10 cases of documented voter fraud in Maryland that occurred between 2012 and 2023.

While LWVMD believes that the voter registration list must be maintained on an ongoing basis so voters can trust the integrity of the system, we oppose this bill because we do not believe it contributes effectively to that end. Despite evidence that voter fraud is rare and clearly not at a scale to affect election outcomes, disinformation continues to create a false picture and sow doubt. All large databases, in any field, are imperfect. Efforts to improve a database require people and money.

LWVMD urges an unfavorable report on SB 845.