

I am writing to respectfully oppose Maryland Senate Bill 0255.

A key concern with SB0255 is its impact on county election autonomy. Local election officials are best positioned to understand the unique needs, resources, and challenges of their communities. Centralizing authority at the state level risks undermining this local expertise and could lead to less responsive and less effective election administration.

Preserving flexibility at the county level is essential to maintaining efficient, secure, and accessible elections. One-size-fits-all mandates may create unnecessary burdens and reduce the ability of counties to adapt to local conditions.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose SB0255 and protect the authority of local election officials.

Thank you for your time and consideration.