

IndivisibleHoCoMD



TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT, LABOR AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

SB 255 - Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations

POSITION: Favorable

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On behalf of our 1800+ Indivisible Howard County members, I am writing in support of SB 255. IndivisibleHoCoMD is an informal group of citizens in Howard County, MD, registered with the Indivisible Project's national network of local grassroots groups. We believe in fairness, tolerance, inclusion, and democracy.

Every Maryland citizen deserves to participate in our democratic process and vote on an even playing field. But in Maryland, there are still outdated election systems that deny voters equal power at the ballot box and fair representation. The reforms proposed in this important bill will ensure that the state is able to take action if a government has an election system that weakens the voting power of certain communities. They are essential and must become state law to protect our democracy and minority voters in Maryland.

Indivisible Howard County, representing 1800+ citizens in Maryland, urges a favorable report on SB 255, WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.