

HOUSE BILL 1010

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CF SB 236

By: **Delegate Fair**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Certification of ~~Election-Supporting Technology~~ Ranked-Choice Voting Software –**
3 **Regulations,**
4 **Review, and Evaluation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the
5 review, certification, and decertification of ~~election-supporting technology~~
6 ranked-choice voting software and to
7 review and evaluate ~~election-supporting technology~~ ranked-choice voting software on or
before a certain date each
year; and generally relating to the certification of ~~election-supporting technology~~
ranked-choice voting software.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Election Law
10 Section 9–107
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 **9–107.**

17 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “~~ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY~~”**
18 **~~MEANS ANY EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY THAT IS DESIGNED FOR USE IN THE~~**
19 **~~ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS, INCLUDING:~~**

20 **~~(i) ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS;~~**

21 **~~(ii) RISK-LIMITING AUDIT TOOLS; AND~~**

22 **~~(iii) ANY SOFTWARE USED FOR PREPARING, PRESENTING, OR~~**

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1 ~~REPORTING THE RESULTS PRODUCED BY A VOTING SYSTEM.~~

2 ~~(2) "ELECTION SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A~~
3 ~~VOTING SYSTEM "RANKED-CHOICE VOTING SOFTWARE" MEANS SOFTWARE THAT IS CAPABLE OF TABULATING~~
4 ~~RANKED-CHOICE VOTING ELECTION RESULTS USING CAST VOTE RECORDS FROM A VOTING SYSTEM.~~

4 (B) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

5 (1) ADOPT REGULATIONS:

6 (I) FOR THE REVIEW, CERTIFICATION, AND DECERTIFICATION
7 OF ~~ELECTION SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY~~ RANKED-CHOICE VOTING SOFTWARE; AND

8 (II) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ~~ELECTION SUPPORTING~~
9 ~~TECHNOLOGY~~ RANKED-CHOICE VOTING SOFTWARE SELECTED AND CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

10 (2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027,
11 REVIEW AND EVALUATE ~~ELECTION SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY~~ RANKED-CHOICE VOTING SOFTWARE.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Elections
13 shall adopt the regulations required under § 9-107 of the Election Law Article, as enacted
14 by Section 1 of this Act, on or before December 1, 2026.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
16 1, 2026.