

Announcements & Important Meetings

Personnel News

We would like to introduce our new Chief Information Security Officer, Patrick Angel. Patrick joins us with extensive information security experience as well as experience supporting election offices in Texas. We are happy to have Patrick join our SBE team and look forward to his contributions.

We are sad to announce that Cortnee Bryant has resigned from SBE. Cortnee performed a variety of duties, including heading the local boards' Social Media Communication Group, partnered in managing multiple SBE's social media accounts, and produced instructional videos, fliers and graphics. She managed accessibility materials to reflect the US Department of Justice standards and provided guidance to the local boards' compliance with accessibility requirements. She also reviewed polling site accessibility plans, evaluations, ballot accounting processes, as well as conducted election supply procurement, obtained sign language interpreters, and answered emails and calls from voters seeking help with mail-in ballots. We wish Cortnee well!

2022 General Election Follow Up

Manual Audit

State law requires that election officials conduct a manual audit of randomly selected ballots after each statewide general election. This manual audit is in addition to an independent software audit of all of the ballot images created in an election.

The manual audit from the 2022 General Election was completed on February 28, 2022, when the Prince George's County Board of Elections completed its manual audit. In 22 of the 24 local jurisdictions, there were no differences between the results of the manual audit and the voting system. In the remaining two local jurisdictions, one discrepancy was determined to be human error, and the other discrepancy was a two-vote discrepancy and well below the 0.5% threshold to trigger more auditing.

Overall, 44,139 ballots from all 24 local jurisdictions were manually audited, resulting in a statewide audit contest vote discrepancy of 0.009%. There were 2,005,223 ballots cast for Governor and Lt. Governor in the 2022 General Election, which resulted in a statewide contest vote discrepancy of 0.00019%. These audits showed that the voting system accurately counted votes. As required by Election Law Article, §11-309(d)(4), a report of the manual audit was posted on our [Ballot Audit Plan webpage](#). Information about the independent software audit is also posted there.

U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Data Report

After each general election, the EAC asks states to complete an extensive data survey. The survey - called the Election Administration and Voting Survey - requests data on voter registration, voter turnout, mail-in voting by military and overseas voters and domestic, civilian voters, provisional voting, voting locations, pollworkers, and voting systems.

The initial submission for the EAC's 2022 Election Administration and Voting Survey was due and SBE submitted timely on February 1, 2023. The EAC returned the data report two weeks later with suggested corrections, and a final certified report was submitted and accepted by the EAC on March 20, 2023. Tracey Hartman, Janet Smith, and Mark Smith completed this report.

Election Reform & Management

Election Judge Recruitment and Training

The Election Judge Workgroup has begun to meet to review and revise the election judge manual and all training peripherals for 2024. The group has members that represent large, medium and small jurisdictions to adequately anticipate and address the needs of all jurisdictions. This group will review almost all printed materials used at voting locations, including manuals, guides, forms and signage, and its members are extremely valuable in identifying procedures needing revision. The work will be used to support other projects that support election judge training, such as the Page Program and online training.

Online Training

We secured a vendor to create the content and platform for the 2024 online judges training program. Production is scheduled to begin in April.

Social Media

We are researching a software solution for concurrent posting to all our social media platforms.

Website Update

The online election judge application was updated to include a source field so we can see where the applicants learned about the opportunity to serve.

Election Forms

Our work continues with the University of Baltimore and the workgroup of local board representatives to revise forms. We are turning our focus to a template for sample ballots next.

Voter Registration

MDVOTERS

The Voter Registration Team is preparing for a three-day product development work session. The session will be held from March 28, 2023 to March 30, 2023. The sessions will include SBE employees and representatives from local boards. During the sessions, the group will discuss possible developments to MDVOTERS.

MDVOTERS Audits

Monthly audits of voter registration data continue to verify compliance with federal and State laws governing voter registration. The monthly audits include review of the local boards of elections' processing of Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) reports, Department of Health's death records, Administrative Office of the Courts' (AOC) felony records, and the processing of overall voter registration records. Follow up continues to be conducted with the local boards to ensure all corrections are completed and to address any training issues.

Letters to Voters Affiliated with the Green and Working Class Parties

After the 2022 General Election, the Green and Working Class parties lost their recognized party status. Voters with active registration with the Green and Working Class parties will be sent a letter detailing the change in recognized status of their party. The letters were sent by the local boards the week of March 20 - March 24.

Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Transactions

During February, MVA collected the following voter registration transactions:

New Registration - 11,174	Residential Address Changes - 17,333
Last Name Changes - 2,875	Political Party - 4,202

Current Total Registered Voters

As of February 28, 2023, there were 4,144,390 active voters in Maryland. _

Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

Campaign Finance

The candidacy filings are scheduled by appointment, and as of March 20, seven candidates have filed at SBE.

The CCF Division has published the coordinated in-kind contribution limits for the 2026 Election Cycle. A copy will be provided in the meeting materials.

Public Financing

On March 21, the CCF Division participated in a meeting with Baltimore City's Legal and Finance Departments about the Baltimore City Fair Election Fund Commission. We provided a brief overview of the filing program, frequently asked questions, and implementation best practices.

Website Activity

In February 2023, the MD Campaign Reporting Information System (MD CRIS) website was visited by 336,337 individuals for an average of 12,012 per day. Additionally, it had 1,576,534 hits. Each viewer looked at an average of approximately 4.08 page views per day. The Business Contribution Disclosure System (BCDS) website had 766,345 hits, with 120,409 visitors with an average of nearly 6.1 page views per day.

Enforcement

Listed below are the recent enforcement actions from February 2022. The information provided is the name of the committee, the amount of civil penalty paid, and the violation. The total amount collected was \$14,525.

1. Slate for Carroll County Citizens United; \$125, Authority line violation.
2. Delean-Botkin, Susan for Delegate; \$250, Authority line violation.
3. Fitzwater, Jessica Friends of; \$250, Authority line violation.
4. Svehla, Todd Citizens For A; \$50, Authority line violation.
5. Savoy, Brenda Hatcher Citizens for; \$200, Cash Disbursement greater than \$25.
6. Notarcola, Charlene Friends of; \$100, Cash Disbursement greater than \$25.
7. Cannady, Carlmichael "Stokey" for Mayor; \$200, Cash Disbursement greater than \$25.
8. Tyo, Tanya Citizens to Elect for Harco BOE; \$200, Cash Disbursement greater than \$25.
9. Goldsby Jr., Tim People for; \$200, Cash Disbursements greater than \$25.
10. Villanova, Damien Friends of; \$200, Disbursement by unauthorized method.
11. Andy Harris for Congress; \$8,500, Failure to File 48 Hour Report.
12. Wells, Esther Citizens for; \$50, Authority line violation.
13. Douglas, Robert A. Friends of; \$250, Failure to maintain campaign records.
14. United for a Better Baltimore Slate; \$500, Failure to maintain campaign records.
15. Bailey, Charles Friends of; \$100, Failure to maintain campaign records.
16. Brown, Liz (Elizabeth) 4 Board of Education; \$300, Failure to maintain campaign records.
17. Credit Union PAC, MD; \$800, Failure to record contributions & expenditures and failure to maintain campaign records.
18. Savoy, Brenda Hatcher Citizens for; \$100, Failure to record contributions and failure to maintain campaign records.
19. Butler-Washington, Dottery Friends to Elect Campaign; \$150, Failure to report contributions and expenditures.
20. Progressive Prince Georgians Leadership Slate; \$100, Failure to report contributions and expenditures.

21. McGraw, Virginia Friends to Elect; \$100, Failure to report contributions and expenditures.
22. Gansler, Doug Friends Of; \$500, Failure to report contributions and expenditures and failure to maintain campaign records.
23. Bowling, Gilbert Friends of; \$500, Failure to report contributions and expenditures and failure to maintain campaign records.
24. Hall Sr., Kirkland J. Citizens for; \$500, Failure to report contributions and expenditures.
25. Foreman, Jon Delegate; \$50, Failure to maintain campaign bank account.
26. Ames, (George) Committee to Re-Elect; \$50, Failure to maintain campaign bank account.
27. DiGregory, Bryan For State's Attorney; \$50, Failure to maintain campaign bank account.
28. Nickerson, Amy L. Friends of; \$50, Failure to maintain campaign bank account.
29. Fisher, Joann Committee to Elect; \$50, Failure to maintain campaign bank account.
30. Ritchie, Lisa Friends of; \$50, Failure to maintain campaign bank account.

Voting Systems

Current Voting System - Lease Option Approved

On March 1, 2023, the Board of Public Works approved the final option period on the voting system lease. This means that we will continue to use the current voting system through the 2024 elections.

Post-Election Maintenance

The local boards continue to perform post-election maintenance on equipment used during the most recent election. All voting equipment is assessed during this period to ensure functionality, and any equipment requiring maintenance or repair is addressed during this period. The post election maintenance period is scheduled to be completed statewide by April 21, 2023.

New Voting System - 2026 Elections

SBE continues to progress through the project initiation and planning phases.

Initiation Phase: To date, the request for a Major IT Development Project (MITDP) determination by the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has been submitted along with the Information Technology Project Request (ITPR). While SBE awaits the MITDP determine, we have received approval of the ITPR from DoIT for the NVS project.

Planning Phase: The initial draft of the Project Management Plan has been completed and is being reviewed internally. Several other key project documents are under development at this time. Our FY24 budget includes funding to obtain contractual support for this project.

Electronic Pollbook

Software: The vendor for the new pollbook solution has begun system integration testing (SIT) with a planned completion day of May 12, 2023.

Equipment: The tablets for the new pollbook solution arrived in Maryland the week of March 13. The hardware quality check is scheduled to begin March 27 with a planned completion day of May 12, 2023. DemTech personnel will arrive in Maryland in the April/May timeframe to conduct software installation, configuration and testing prior to shipping to the local boards for additional statewide testing.

Project Management Office (PMO)

Central Warehouse

The warehouse team continued planning with the Pollbook team for the receipt of the new pollbook tablets. These tablets will undergo quality checks, testing, and other efforts prior to shipping them to the local boards in the next few months.

The PMO started work with the Department of General Services on pre-lease tasks required before negotiations for a new lease agreement with the landlord can begin. The current lease agreement ends January 2025.

Equipment and Supply Inventory

SBE's FY2023 Inventory Audit is in progress with a statewide completion of 80.03%. June 30, 2023, is the last day for completing the inventory audit.

Records Inventory

The PMO continued work on several tasks related to the agency's Records Inventory Management to ensure that it can fulfill the State's requirements for managing records and documents. The focus this period was on creating the survey for the local boards concerning their records inventory.

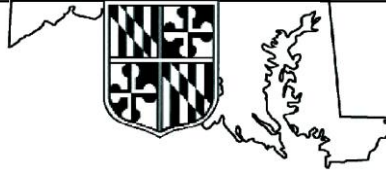
Legislation

The 2023 Maryland General Assembly session convened on January 11 and will adjourn on April 10. SBE staff continues to work with the Legislature and the Department of Legislative Services to provide relevant election insights and information and are monitoring all proposed legislation. Updated monitored legislation lists will be forward to the Board.

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2026 Election Cycle Central Committee Coordinated Campaign Contribution Limits

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-226(c), a central committee of a political party may make aggregate in-kind contributions during an election cycle not in excess of, for a State central committee, \$1 for every two registered voters in the State and, for a local central committee, \$1 for every two registered voters in the county.

The number of registered voters is determined on the first day of the election cycle (January 1, 2023)

	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Aggregate In-Kind Contribution Limit</u>
State:	4,387,395	\$2,193,697.50
Allegany:	46,014	\$23,007.00
Anne Arundel:	435,397	\$217,698.50
Baltimore City:	414,135	\$207,067.50
Baltimore County	596,139	\$298,069.50
Calvert:	73,154	\$36,577.00
Caroline:	22,854	\$11,427.00
Carroll:	134,223	\$67,111.50
Cecil:	75,404	\$37,702.00
Charles:	129,209	\$64,604.50
Dorchester:	23,722	\$11,861.00
Frederick:	208,386	\$104,193.00
Garrett:	21,448	\$10,724.00
Harford:	201,091	\$100,545.50
Howard:	243,190	\$121,595.50
Kent:	14,557	\$7,278.50
Montgomery:	728,946	\$364,473.00
Pr. George's:	630,648	\$315,324.00
Queen Anne's:	41,333	\$20,666.50
St. Mary's:	81,063	\$40,531.50
Somerset:	14,565	\$7,282.50
Talbot:	29,862	\$14,931.00
Washington:	108,236	\$54,118.00
Wicomico:	69,189	\$34,594.50
Worcester:	44,630	\$22,315.00



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MGA Tracking: For Tracking list: Overall list - 03/27/2023 02:00 a.m.

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To: donna.duncan@maryland.gov

Current Status 2023 Regular Session - For Tracking list: Overall list (All Bills) - Created on: 03/27/2023 02:00 a.m.

Number/ Chapter (Cross File) Total: 119	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates	Opposite House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0022	Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification	Delegate Long, R.	Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0035 (SB0567)	Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity	Delegate Long, R.	Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0041	Election Law - Curbside Voting - Establishment	Delegate Williams	Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0054	Sports Wagering Campaign Contributions Parity Act of 2023	Delegate Cardin	Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/24/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0058 (SB0035)	Open Meetings Act - State Ethics Commission (Maryland State Agency Transparency Act of 2023)	Delegate Korman	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Health and Government Operations 2/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0095	Election Judges - Training and Signs - Accommodations for Voters in Need of Assistance	Delegate Hill	Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/24/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0104 (SB0157)	Municipalities - Charter Amendments - Notice	Delegate Solomon	Favorable with Amendments Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment	Environment and Transportation 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0114 (SB0039)	Ballot Access - Affiliating With a Party - Unaffiliated Voters	Delegate Qi	Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/24/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0124 (SB0131)	Mandated Reports - Revisions	Speaker	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Health and Government Operations 2/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0130	Election Law - Foreign Manufacture of Election Systems - Notification and Termination of Contract	Delegate Rosenberg	Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment

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HB0176	Local Public Campaign Financing - Expansion to Additional Offices	Delegate Feldmark	Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0177 (SB0089)	Elections - Ballot Questions - Publication of Proposed Laws	Delegate Feldmark	Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0192 (SB0269)	Currency - Campaign Finance Prohibitions - Disclosures by Financial Institutions	Delegate Palakovich Carr	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 1/31/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0213	Election Law - Local Public Campaign Financing - Boards of Education	Delegate Watson	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0269	Municipal Elections - Voter Eligibility - Prohibitions	Delegate Moon	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0334	Voting Systems - Ranked Choice Voting and Inclusion of City of Takoma Park Municipal Elections on the State Ballot MC 7-23	Montgomery County Delegation	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0344	Montgomery County – Voting Methods MC 03–23	Montgomery County Delegation	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0348	Baltimore County - School Board Nominating Commission - Vacancy Procedures	Baltimore County Delegation	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/29/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0380 (SB0218)	Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2023	Delegate Korman	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0393 (SB0536)	State Government - Forms - Veterans' Benefits	Delegate Rogers	Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn	Health and Government Operations	
HB0410	Election Reform Act of 2023	Delegate Rosenberg	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0417	General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office	Delegate Foley	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0441 (SB0111)	Election Law - Campaign Finance - Draft Committees and Exploratory Committees	Delegate Jones, D.	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0447	Local Elections - County Commissioner - District Voting	Delegate Crosby	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0468	County Boards of Education - Voter Registration Link -	Delegate Fair	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means;	Ways and Means	

	Posting Requirement		Withdrawn		
HB0509 (SB0287)	State Board of Elections - Municipal Elections - Publication of Results on Website	Delegate Tomlinson	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0535 (SB0379)	Election Law - Ballots - Issuance, Processing, and Reporting Procedures	Delegate Feldmark	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0536 (SB0221)	Court Officials – Public Disclosure of Personal Information	Delegate Clippinger	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0542 (SB0605)	Election Law - Citizens Who Live Overseas - Right to Vote	Delegate Fair	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0555 (SB0342)	Baltimore County - Circuit Court Judgeships	Speaker	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary 2/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB0563 (SB0366)	General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees - Procedures	Delegate Palakovich Carr	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0572	Election Law - Postelection Tabulation Audits - Risk- Limiting Audits	Delegate Kaiser	Hearing 3/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/22/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0580	Election Law – Polling Sites – Firearms Prohibitions	Delegate Henson	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0594	Election Law – Ascertainment of Results – Process	Delegate Fair	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0597	St. Mary's County - County Commissioners Election Method - Straw Ballot	St. Mary's County Delegation	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0616	Election Law – Early Voting – Number of Days	Delegate Barnes, D.	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0636	Public Information Act - Inspection of E-Mail Addresses and Telephone Numbers	Delegate Guzzone	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/1/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0642 (SB0339)	Election Law – Recounts – Procedures	Delegate Grossman	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0643 (SB0176)	Election Law - Insufficient Number of Candidates for a Primary Election	Delegate Grossman	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0645 (SB0488)	Election Law - Electronic Ballot Return System - Study and Request for Proposals	Delegate Feldmark	Referred to interim study by Ways and Means	Ways and Means 2/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	

HB0688	Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request	Delegate Johnson, S.	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/24/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0705 (SB0798)	Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Freedom	Delegate Jones, A.	First Reading Finance	Health and Government Operations 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance
HB0730	Constitutional Amendment - Alteration of Rate of Taxation - Legislation by General Assembly Required	Delegate Fisher	Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/23/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0742	Election Law – Party and Elected Public Offices – Prohibition	Delegate Boyce	Hearing 4/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 4/4/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0752 (SB0860)	State Board of Elections - Procurement Oversight	Delegate Vogel	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0871 (SB0932)	Declaration of Rights - Religious Freedom, Religious Tests, and Oaths and Affirmations	Delegate Hill	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/8/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0879 (SB0733)	Carroll County - County Commissioner Districts - Alterations	Delegate Rose	Hearing 3/03 at 12:00 p.m.	Rules and Executive Nominations 3/3/2023 - 12:00 p.m.	
HB0894	Election Law – Voting Systems – Sourced, Manufactured, and Assembled in the United States	Delegate Chisholm	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	Ways and Means	
HB0899 (SB0863)	State Administrator of Elections - Term, Vacancy in Office, and Removal From Office	Delegate Jones, D.	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0926	Election Law - Polling Places - Establishing Voter Identity (Voter Privacy Act of 2023)	Delegate Long, R.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0943	Election Law – Voter Registration List – Absentee Voters (Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2023)	Delegate Long, R.	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0951	Election Law – Election Officials and Workers – Prohibitions Against Interference and Disclosure of Personal Information	Delegate Jones, D.	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB0979	Municipal Elections – Candidates – Reports of Donations and Disbursements	Delegate Terrasa	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.

HB1010 (SB0753)	Public Information Act – Personnel Records of Elected Officials and Joint Ethics Committee Records	Delegate Valentine	Hearing 3/03 at 12:00 p.m.	Rules and Executive Nominations 3/3/2023 - 12:00 p.m.	
HB1024	Elections in Villages of Columbia - Voting Rights Ho. Co. 17-23	Howard County Delegation	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn	Environment and Transportation	
HB1065 (SB0868)	State and Local Cybersecurity - Revisions	Delegate Kaiser	Unfavorable Report by Health and Government Operations; Withdrawn	Health and Government Operations	
HB1075 (SB0785)	Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Office of Domestic Terrorism Response	Delegate Rosenberg	First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Appropriations 3/9/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings
HB1079	Prince George's County - Board of Education and School System Revisions PG 502-23	Prince George's County Delegation	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/1/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/29/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1080	Transportation Investment Program - County Referendum - Authorization	Delegate Mangione	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations) and Hearing canceled (Environment and Transportation)	Appropriations 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m. Environment and Transportation	
HB1092	Election Law – Early Voting – Number of Days	Delegate Metzgar	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1093 (SB0951)	Howard County - Board of Education - Terms and Public Campaign Financing Ho. Co. 14-23	Howard County Delegation	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1104 (SB0878)	Voting Rights Act of 2023 - Counties and Municipalities	Delegate Smith	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1112	Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions (Ballot Petition Modernization Act)	Delegate Ruth	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1120	Election Law - Candidate Truthfulness - Oath	Delegate McComas	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1132	State Government - Technology and Science Advisory Commission - Established	Delegate Hill	Hearing 3/16 at 5:00 p.m.	Appropriations 3/16/2023 - 5:00 p.m.	
HB1136	State Government - Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability - Review of State Workforce Development Programs	Delegate Atterbeary	Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/23/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1167	Calvert County - Civic Education - Standards and Curriculum (Social Studies Literacy Act)	Delegate Fisher	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/8/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1168	Calvert County - Public High Schools - Class Rank	Delegate Fisher	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means	

	System (Calvert County Merit Restoration Act)			3/8/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1183	Calvert County - County Treasurer - Removal From Office	Calvert County Delegation	Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/10/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1189 (SB0801)	Economic Development - Cybersecurity - Cyber Maryland Program	Delegate Forbes	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations 3/8/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1200 (SB0925)	Elections - Election Judges - Minimum Compensation	Delegate Jones, D.	First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB1212	Election Law - Voter Registration List - Right to Opt Out of the Sale of Personally Identifiable Information	Delegate Arentz	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1216 (SB0750)	Election Law – Voting – Proof of Identity	Delegate Miller	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
HB1255	Courts – Justices and Judges – Selection and Retention	Delegate Cardin	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
HB1264	Election Law - Polling Places at Continuing Care Retirement Communities	Delegate Mangione	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
HB1265	Baltimore County – Board of Education – Membership	Delegate Mangione	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
HB1279 (SB0955)	Election Law – 2024 Primary Date – Alteration	Delegate Attar	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
HB1282 (SB0195)	Orphans' Court Judges – Election	Delegate Cardin	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Rules and Executive Nominations	
SB0001	Criminal Law - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)	Senator Waldstreicher	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/29/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0035 (HB0058)	Open Meetings Act - State Ethics Commission (Maryland State Agency Transparency Act of 2023)	Senator Kagan	Favorable Report by Health and Government Operations	Education, Energy, and the Environment 1/26/2023 - 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/22/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0039 (HB0114)	Ballot Access - Affiliating With a Party - Unaffiliated Voters	Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0067	Clerks of the Circuit Courts - Civil Commissions - Presentation and Reporting	Senator Beidle	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/29/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0089 (HB0177)	Elections - Ballot Questions - Publication of Proposed	Senator Carter	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the	

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			2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0111 (HB0441)	Election Law - Campaign Finance - Draft Committees and Exploratory Committees	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0131 (HB0124)	Mandated Reports - Revisions	President	Favorable with Amendments Report by Health and Government Operations	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/7/2023 - 2:00 p.m. Health and Government Operations 3/22/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0132	State's Attorney, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Register of Wills, Sheriff, and Judge of the Orphans' Court - Nonpartisan Elections	Senator Jackson	Hearing canceled (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Education, Energy, and the Environment Judicial Proceedings
SB0157 (HB0104)	Municipalities - Charter Amendments - Notice	Senator Waldstreicher	First Reading Environment and Transportation	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/7/2023 - 2:00 p.m. Environment and Transportation
SB0176 (HB0643)	Election Law - Insufficient Number of Candidates for a Primary Election	Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0195 (HB1282)	Orphans' Court Judges – Election	Senator West	Hearing 4/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/9/2023 - 1:00 p.m. Judiciary 4/4/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0218 (HB0380)	Arbitration Reform for State Employees Act of 2023	Senator McCray	Hearing 2/01 at 2:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation 2/1/2023 - 2:00 p.m. Finance
SB0221 (HB0536)	Government Officials - Public Disclosure of Personal Information	Senator Smith	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/9/2023 - 1:00 p.m. Judiciary 3/29/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0267	Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation	Senator Watson	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0269 (HB0192)	Currency - Campaign Finance Prohibitions - Disclosures by Financial Institutions	Senator Rosapepe	Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m. Ways and Means
SB0287 (HB0509)	State Board of Elections - Municipal Elections - Publication of Results on Website	Senator Gallion	Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m. Ways and Means 3/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0329	Election Law - Casting General Election Ballot in Multiple States - Prohibition	Senator Ready	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0339 (HB0642)	Election Law – Recounts – Procedures	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Ways and Means

SB0342 (HB0555)	Baltimore County - Circuit Court Judgeships	President	Hearing 3/23 at 1:00 p.m.	2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	3/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0366 (HB0563)	General Assembly Vacancy - Political Party Central Committees - Procedures	Senator Lam	Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/23/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0379 (HB0535)	Election Law - Ballot Processing and Reporting Procedures and 2024 Primary Date	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0488 (HB0645)	Election Law - Electronic Ballot Return System - Study and Request for Proposals	Senator Brooks	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/24/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0536 (HB0393)	State Government - Forms - Veterans' Benefits	Senator Ellis	Unfavorable Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment; Withdrawn	Education, Energy, and the Environment	
SB0567 (HB0035)	Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity	Senator Ready	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0605 (HB0542)	Election Law - Citizens Who Live Overseas - Right to Vote	Senator Lewis Young	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0733 (HB0879)	Carroll County - County Commissioner Districts - Alterations	Carroll County Senators	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Rules and Executive Nominations
SB0750 (HB1216)	Election Law - Voting - Proof of Identity	Senator Folden	Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/14/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0753 (HB1010)	Public Information Act - Personnel Records of Elected Officials and Joint Ethics Committee Records	Senator Folden	Hearing 3/07 at 1:30 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/7/2023 - 1:30 p.m.	
SB0785 (HB1075)	Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Office of Domestic Terrorism Response	Senator Hettleman	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 3/1/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0798 (HB0705)	Declaration of Rights - Right to Reproductive Freedom	Senator Ferguson	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/1/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0801 (HB1189)	Economic Development - Cybersecurity - Cyber Maryland Program	Senator Hester	Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and	Finance 3/7/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations

			Government Operations)		3/29/2023 - 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters
SB0860 (HB0752)	State Board of Elections – Procurement Oversight	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/3/2023 - 2:00 p.m.	
SB0863 (HB0899)	State Administrator of Elections - Removal From Office	Senator Kagan	Hearing 3/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/16/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/21/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0864	Election Reform Act of 2023	Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/24/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0868 (HB1065)	State and Local Cybersecurity - Revisions	Senator Hester	Unfavorable Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment; Withdrawn	Education, Energy, and the Environment	
SB0878 (HB1104)	Voting Rights Act of 2023 - Counties and Municipalities	Senator Sydnor	Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0888	Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration - Alterations	Senator Washington, M.	First Reading Senate Rules	Rules	
SB0925 (HB1200)	Elections - Election Judges - Minimum Compensation	Senator Washington, A.	Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	
SB0932 (HB0871)	Declaration of Rights - Religious Freedom, Religious Tests, and Oaths and Affirmations	Senator Muse	First Reading Senate Rules	Rules	
SB0951 (HB1093)	Howard County - Board of Education - Terms	Howard County Senators	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/15/2023 - 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/28/2023 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0955 (HB1279)	Election Law - 2024 Primary Date - Alteration	Senator Hettleman	First Reading Senate Rules	Rules	

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

March 29, 2023

1. *Gibson, et al. v. Frederick County*, 1:22-CV-01642-GLR (D. Md.) On July 5, 2022, Lois Ann Gibson and plaintiff-organizations filed suit against Maryland entities seeking injunctive relief. The complaint alleges that 22 jurisdictions in Maryland engaged in a RICO conspiracy with a Chicago non-profit organization to fund election fraud. The suit seeks a preliminary injunction enjoining the destruction of records of the 2020 Presidential Election. Under federal law, the records of the 2020 election were to be retained until September 3, 2022.

On December 16, 2022, the district court granted motions to dismiss as to all defendants and closed the case.

On January 13, 2023, plaintiffs filed a motion to amend or alter the judgment of dismissal under Federal Rule 59(e). SBE filed a response on January 26, 2023, to which every county defendant joined in support. On February 21, 2023, the plaintiff filed its reply. The Rule 59(e) motion remains pending before the district court.

2. *Johnson v. Hogan*, 8:22-CV-02250-TDC (D. Md.) On September 7, 2022, Thomas P. Johnson filed a complaint challenging the constitutionality of Election Law § 5-706. Mr. Johnson ran during the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary for a seat on the circuit court bench in Montgomery County. He lost that race. Mr. Johnson then sought to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate for that same office for the general election but was informed by SBE staff that he was ineligible to run pursuant to Election Law § 5-607(b)(2). The law prohibits anyone who has lost a primary election from running in the following general election as a write-in candidate.

The complaint alleges that § 5-706 unconstitutionally prevents Mr. Johnson from campaigning as a write-in candidate. It seeks injunctive relief allowing Mr. Johnson to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate.

The Office of the Attorney General filed a motion opposing injunctive relief on behalf of Governor Hogan, the sole named defendant, on September 21, 2022. Mr. Johnson filed a response to the OAG opposition on September 23, 2022. The court conducted a hearing on the matter on October 4, 2022. Thereafter, on October 13, 2022, the federal district court issued an order denying Mr. Johnson injunctive relief.

OAG will be filing a motion to dismiss the case outright in the coming weeks. Per local rules, counsel has filed a letter of intent to file a motion to dismiss with the federal court. OAG is awaiting a response from the Court for leave to file its motion.