



AGENDA

Washington County Board of Elections October 8, 2024

Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at **5:00PM**. Meeting will be held in person but may also be attended virtually. Call in information is provided below.

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Declaration of Quorum Present:

Record Those Present:

Approval of Draft Agenda:

Executive Session:

Part of the meeting may be closed in accordance with Open Meeting Act Procedures.

Approval of Draft Minutes of September 10, 2024 regular meeting:

Correspondence:

Reports:

- I. Election Director
- II. Attorney

Unfinished Business:

- I. Christmas Party
- II. Mayor of Hagerstown Contest on General Election Ballot

New Business:

- I. None

Members Remarks:

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Distributed Information:

Board Packet

Future Events:

October 10, 2024 – Board Verification of Early Voting and Election Day Supplies

October 15, 2024 – Mail in Ballot Canvass 1, Day 1

October 21, 2024 – Mail in Ballot Canvass 1, Day 2 (if needed)

October 24-31, 2024 – Early Voting (National Vote Early Day, October 29th)

November 1, 2024 – Mail in Ballot Canvass 1, Day 3

November 2, 2024 – Pickup of Chief Judge Supplies

November 5, 2024 – Election Day

November 7, 2024 – Mail in Ballot Canvass1, Day 4

November 13, 2024 – Provisional Canvass/Mail in Ballot Canvass 2, Day1

November 14, 2024 – Mail in Ballot Canvass 2, Day 2

November 15, 2024 – Certification of the Election

Public Participation: Members of the public may address the Board. Pursuant to §3.2B of the Board's bylaws, public participation at a meeting must be pre-scheduled and pre-approved by the President. To request approval to speak at a board meeting, contact Barry Jackson at 240.313.2054 or by Email at barry.jackson@maryland.gov no later than 5 pm the day before the meeting.

Call In Instructions for the Meeting:

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/mit-cvrq-fda

Dial-in: (US) +1 413-398-2369

PIN: 623 755 055#

Director's Report – October 8, 2024

- A. Personnel – N/A.
- B. Meetings:
 - 1. Director's Meetings:
 - a) Highlights of the September 19, 2024 Collaboration Meeting
 - (1) Possibility of international election observers on Election Day. Contact SBE if contacted by them.
 - (2) SBE needs feedback from LBEs on warehouse regulations.
 - (3) Federal Ballot design was changed so that they must be duplicated at canvass.
 - (4) New voting system is scheduled to be implemented in 2028.
 - b) Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2024
 - 2. Barry Jackson upcoming speaking engagements and meetings:
 - a) Prime Time for Women Walking to Wellness event on October 9, 2024 at HCC.
 - b) Maryland Corps/Service Year Option professional development training Thursday, October 10, 2024 at HCC.
 - c) Discuss poll watchers and challengers at Washington County Republican Central Committee meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024.
 - d) Lou Scalli's Friday Potpourri on WJEJ on Friday, October 11, 2024
 - 3. Trainings: Election judge training is completed. 652 election judges assigned, all Early Voting slots have been selected
- C. Legislative Update: Pre-filed House Bill by Del. Grossman (2B), minimum compensation for election board members.
- D. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:
 - 1. Registration Statistics for September 2024 were distributed to the Board.
 - 2. 14,368 Mail-In Ballots distributed for the General Election. 4,126 ballots received as of October 7, 2024.
- E. Candidate Filings: N/A
- F. Voting System Activities:
 - 1. Logic and Accuracy testing completed on Ballot Marking Devices and Scanning Units. Public demonstration of the voting equipment on Friday, October 18, 2024. Pollbooks will be tested prior to Early Voting.
- G. Projects:
 - 1. The commercial/PSA for voters is currently running prior to movies at Warehouse Cinemas and on our website and social media pages.
 - 2. DHS CISA security badges – we received the Election Emergency Response Guides and blank emergency contact ID badges, still

waiting on delivery of finished badges with chief judge, technical judge and board member photos.

3. Sample Ballot RFP responses due tomorrow. First sample ballots to be mailed out next week.
4. Mail in Ballot Canvass 1, Day 1 on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 10am. Board Counsel required on site by 2pm.

HOUSE BILL 1303

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By: **Delegates Grossman and Kaufman**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Local Boards of Elections – Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that regular and substitute members of local boards of
4 elections be paid certain amounts per day served for the canvass, election day, and
5 in connection with a contested election; requiring a county to pay a regular member
6 a certain amount if the amount of compensation paid during a fiscal year for service
7 during the canvass, election day, and in connection with a contested election is less
8 than a certain minimum annual amount; and generally relating to compensation for
9 local board of elections members.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Election Law
12 Section 2–204
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 2–204.

19 (a) **(1)** [Each] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION,**
20 **EACH** regular member of a local board shall receive the salary and reimbursement of
21 expenses provided in the county budget[, but in no event may the annual].

22 **(2) THE COUNTY BUDGET MAY PROVIDE FOR A GREATER AMOUNT OF**
23 **COMPENSATION THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE compensation PAID EACH YEAR TO A REGULAR MEMBER MAY NOT** be
2 less than the following **MINIMUM** amounts:

3 (1) in Allegany County, the amount set by the County Commissioners
4 under Title 28, Subtitle 1 of the Local Government Article;

5 (2) in Anne Arundel County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for other
6 regular members;

7 (3) in Baltimore City, \$11,000 for the president and \$10,000 for other
8 regular members;

9 (4) in Baltimore County, \$4,000 for the president and \$3,000 for other
10 regular members;

11 (5) in Calvert County, \$3,000 and reimbursement for expenses in the
12 performance of their duties;

13 (6) in Caroline County, \$3,250 for the president, \$3,000 for other regular
14 members, and reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of election duties
15 in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations;

16 (7) in Carroll County, \$3,000;

17 (8) in Cecil County, \$1,250 for the president, \$1,000 for other regular
18 members, and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of election
19 activities which occur outside the county;

20 (9) in Charles County, \$800;

21 (10) in Dorchester County, \$3,000 and expenses as authorized by the County
22 Commissioners;

23 (11) in Frederick County, \$5,500 for the president and \$5,000 for other
24 regular members;

25 (12) in Garrett County, the amount set by the County Commissioners under
26 Chapter 91 of the Public Local Laws of Garrett County;

27 (13) in Harford County, \$2,000 for the president and \$1,700 for other regular
28 members;

29 (14) in Howard County, \$2,800 for the president and \$2,000 for other regular
30 members;

31 (15) in Kent County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,500 for other regular
32 members;

1 (16) in Montgomery County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for other
2 regular members;

3 (17) in Prince George's County, \$5,000 for the president and \$4,500 for other
4 regular members;

5 (18) in Queen Anne's County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,200 for other
6 regular members;

7 (19) in St. Mary's County, \$3,000;

8 (20) in Somerset County, \$1,000;

9 (21) in Talbot County, \$600;

10 (22) in Washington County, the amount set by the County Commissioners;

11 (23) in Wicomico County, \$2,400 for the president and \$1,800 for other
12 regular members; and

13 (24) in Worcester County, \$1,500 for the president and \$1,200 for other
14 regular members.

15 **(C) (1) (I) FOR EACH DAY OF THE CANVASS, AS DEFINED IN § 11-101**
16 **OF THIS ARTICLE, ON WHICH A REGULAR OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SERVES, THE**
17 **REGULAR OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SHALL BE PAID \$100 PER DAY.**

18 **(II) FOR EACH ELECTION DAY ON WHICH A REGULAR OR**
19 **SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SERVES, THE REGULAR OR SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SHALL BE**
20 **PAID \$350 PER DAY.**

21 **(III) FOR EACH DAY ON WHICH A REGULAR OR SUBSTITUTE**
22 **MEMBER SERVES IN CONNECTION WITH A CONTESTED ELECTION, AS DEFINED**
23 **UNDER § 12-301 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE REGULAR SUBSTITUTE OR REGULAR**
24 **MEMBER SHALL BE PAID \$100 PER DAY.**

25 **(2) IF, AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF**
26 **COMPENSATION PAID TO A REGULAR MEMBER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
27 **SUBSECTION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR IS LESS THAN THE MINIMUM ANNUAL**
28 **AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL**
29 **PAY TO THE REGULAR MEMBER THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT PAID**
30 **UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND THE MINIMUM ANNUAL AMOUNT**
31 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

1 **[(b)] (D)** (1) **[Consistent with] SUBJECT TO** paragraph (2) of this subsection
2 **AND SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION**, each substitute member shall be compensated
3 for each day of service as provided in the county budget.

4 (2) A substitute member shall be compensated at a rate of at least \$25 for
5 each meeting of the local board that the substitute member attends.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with Article
7 III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
8 the salary or compensation of a member of a local board of elections while serving in a term
9 of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act
10 concerning the salary or compensation of a member of a local board of elections shall take
11 effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to
12 an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired
13 term.

14 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2024.

Monthly Statistical Report

Last Transaction Date From: 09/01/2024 To: 09/30/2024

ADDITIONS TO COUNTY REGISTRATION

METHOD	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL	EXACT DUPES
Absentee Ballot Application	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	7
By Mail	10	11	1	0	0	11	1	34	7
Correction	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Death Notices Other than DHMH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Electronic Volunteer	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
ERIC Report	18	15	1	0	0	19	1	54	0
Federal Postcard Application	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
In Person	1	8	0	0	0	4	1	14	2
Motor Vehicle Administration	149	135	11	3	0	169	6	473	7
NVRA by Mail	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	7	1
Online Mail In Request	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	8	0
Online Voter Registration	54	80	6	1	0	67	2	210	0
Online Voter Update	12	2	1	0	0	4	2	21	0
Petition	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Social Security Administration	9	6	0	1	0	5	0	21	0
State Designated Agencies	5	4	0	0	0	4	1	14	0
USPS Sticker	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Volunteer	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Voter Notification Card	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	275	279	20	5	0	291	14	884	27

SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY ACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Death Notice	31	39	0	0	0	17	1	88
Death Notices Other than DHMH	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Moved Out of State	7	7	0	1	0	3	0	18
Returned VNC	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	7
Voter Request	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	4
Duplicate/Merged	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
County Transfer Out	-64	-33	0	-2	0	-54	-3	-156
TOTAL	105	83	1	3	0	80	4	276

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AFFILIATION CHANGES

CHANGE	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
From	132	67	2	9	1	143	23	377
To	103	129	15	10	5	103	12	377
TOTAL	-29	62	13	1	4	-40	-11	0

CURRENT ACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	30431	44301	100	655	123	23882	1010	100502
ADDITIONS (+)	275	279	20	5	0	291	14	884
REINSTATED (+)	13	27	1	2	0	11	2	56
CANCELLED (-)	-40	-50	-1	-1	0	-25	-1	-118
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-64	-33	0	-2	0	-54	-3	-156
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	-29	62	13	1	4	-40	-11	0
* INACTIVATED (-)	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	0	-2
* REACTIVATED (+)	63	42	2	1	1	43	0	152
END OF REPORT TOTALS	30648	44628	135	661	128	24107	1011	101318

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INACTIVE REGISTRATION SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY INACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Absentee Ballot Application	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	7
By Mail	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
Confirmation Notice	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Death Notice	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	6
Elderly/Disabled Agency	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Electronic Volunteer	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
In Person	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Motor Vehicle Administration	29	19	0	0	0	25	0	73
Moved Out of State	9	4	0	0	0	5	0	18
Online Mail In Request	9	2	0	0	0	2	1	14
Online Voter Registration	10	9	0	3	1	9	1	33
Online Voter Update	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Social Services Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
State Designated Agencies	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Voter Request	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	-16	-7	0	-1	-1	-5	-1	-31
TOTAL	93	53	0	4	2	53	3	208

CURRENT INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	4223	4461	0	130	26	3772	181	12793
* INACTIVATED (+)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
*REACTIVATED (-)	-64	-40	0	-3	-1	-42	-2	-152
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-16	-7	0	-1	-1	-5	-1	-31
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANCELLED FROM INACTIVE (-)	-13	-6	0	0	0	-6	0	-25
PENDING FROM INACTIVE (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TOTAL INACTIVE	4131	4408	0	126	24	3720	178	12587
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TOTAL REGISTRATION RECORDS ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	NLM	LIB	GRN	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ACTIVE REGISTRATION	30648	44628	135	661	128	24107	1011	101318
INACTIVE REGISTRATION	4131	4408	0	126	24	3720	178	12587
TOTAL RECORDS	34779	49036	135	787	152	27827	1189	113905

Address Changes Within Jurisdiction	696		
Address Changes Statewide	41530	Confirmation Mailings Sent	0
Name Changes	674	Confirmation Responses	6
Number of current Statewide voter registration application on hand		Number of NVRA Agency voter registration Applications on hand	
Signature of person who prepared the report		Date report completed	
Other = Those individuals designating affiliation with a party that is not established under Maryland Law.		Unaffiliated = those individuals declining to affiliate with a party.	