

## **1. Announcements & Important Meetings**

### Senate and House Committee Briefings

On January 23rd, we briefed Senate's Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee on how elections are administered in Maryland, an overview of the 2018 General Election, and preparations for the 2020 election cycle. We provided the House of Delegates' Ways and Means Committee with a similar briefing on January 29, 2019. Because both committees have newly elected members and members who are new to the committee, much of the briefing was focused on election administration issues and how Maryland's election structure is different from most other states. The briefings were well received.

### National Association of State Election Directors' Winter Meeting

Linda Lamone attended the winter meeting of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) from February 2nd - 4th in Washington, DC. The agenda included an overview of the 2018 General Election by representatives of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), briefings from congressional staff members and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and panels on audits, vendor management, redistricting, same day registration implementation, and ranked choice voting.

### Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

On February 12th and February 13th, the Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriation Committee's Public Safety and Administration Committee, respectively, held hearings on SBE's proposed FY2020 budget. A copy of the Department of Legislative Services' budget analysis and our response to the analysis is in the meeting folder. The legislature adopted the Department's first recommendation (restricting \$1.3 million for support of MD CRIS) and rejected the second recommendation (narrative about ballot ordering).

### Congressional Delegation Briefing - Department of Homeland Security Report

On February 15th, Linda Lamone and Nikki Charlson attended a briefing requested by Maryland's Congressional Delegation. The purpose of this briefing was to provide representatives of the delegation information about DHS' report on our data center. Representatives of DHS gave information about the type of assessment it performed and its findings and recommendations, and we provided an update on the various recommendations.

### U.S. Election Assistance Commission - "Clearie" Awards

Each year, the EAC gives awards for best practices in election administration in three categories - outstanding innovations in elections, improving access for voters with disabilities, and recruiting, training, and retaining pollworkers. This year, the Montgomery County Board of Elections won a "Clearie" Award for its "Future Vote Initiative." This program allows students in 6th through 12th grade to support polling place operations. Since its inception, 43,619 students have worked in the program and 10,000 have served as pollworkers. We congratulate the Montgomery County Board of Elections for its efforts and thank the EAC for recognizing its work in recruiting pollworkers.

### Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) - 2019 Annual Meeting

MAEO's 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 22nd and May 23rd in Ocean City. SBE staff members are participating in several panels and will be conducting an interactive table top exercise for LBE staff members who did not attend the exercise we hosted in August

2018. LBE staff members who attended the August 2018 exercise will either attend a course on how to conduct a table top exercise or help SBE staff with conducting the exercise for their colleagues. A draft agenda and registration forms are included in the meeting folder. Please let Nikki know if you would like to attend this meeting.

### Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

House Bill 1423 was passed during the 2018 General Assembly. HB1423 requires all State employees to receive mandatory in-person sexual harassment prevention training. Several SBE staff attended multiple training sessions to learn about sexual harassment prevention and how to train adults. This agency's sexual harassment training will begin this week and will end the third week of April.

## **2. Election Reform and Management**

### Election Judges Lessons Learned

On March 5th, MAEO's Election Judge/Early Voting Committee and SBE staff met at the Howard County Board of Elections to discuss election judge lessons learned from the 2018 elections. Many topics were discussed such as enhancements for MDVOTERS, election judge processes and procedures, and election judge recruitment.

### Absentee Lessons Learned

On March 8th, many local board staff members and SBE staff met at the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to discuss absentee lessons learned from the 2018 elections. Many topics, such as enhancements for MDVOTERS, our Online Voter Registration and Absentee Request system, and the absentee paper application, were discussed.

### Removal of Ballot Stubs

MAEO's Regulation Review Committee has begun working on proposed changes to the regulations that currently require a ballot stub on printed ballots. Once their proposal is received, SBE staff will work with the committee to present a proposal for approval.

### EAC Data Report

The initial submission for the EAC's 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey was due and SBE submitted timely on February 1, 2019. The EAC returned the data report a week later with suggestions for corrections, and a final certified report was submitted and accepted by the EAC on March 2, 2019. The report can be found on the SBE website under "Elections" and "2018."

### Post-Election Manual Tabulation Audit

The post-election manual tabulation audits were completed on February 28, 2019, with the manual audit of Washington County. In all 24 jurisdictions, there were zero vote differences between the result of the manual audit and the voting system results. Simply put, these audits showed that the voting system accurately counted votes.

As required by Election Law Article, §11-309(d)(4), a preliminary report was posted on our website under "Ballot Audit Plan". More information about the manual audit process, including the resources required for these audits, will be included in the report due to the Senate's Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House's Ways and Means Committee by May 1, 2019.

### **3. Voter Registration**

We would like to welcome Sheika Harding-Bey to the team. She comes to us from the Anne Arundel Board of Elections and brings with her a vast knowledge of Maryland's voter registration.

#### MDVOTERS

MDVOTERS 7.1 release will be implemented over the March 29th weekend. Some of the enhancements include masking on the various reports information for confidential voters and updating the ERIC data batch release where the local boards cannot process the files until SBE has released the batches. This ensures that the files have been imported and distributed to the correct local board.

#### MVA Transactions

During the month of February, MVA collected the following voter registration transactions:

New Registration - 7,898	Residential Address Changes - 13,995
Last name changes - 1,611	Political Party Changes - 4,062

#### Non-Citizens

Removal of non-citizens - 21

Removal of non-citizens who voted – 1 and still researching

Removal of non-citizens who voted multiple times – 0 and still researching

Non-citizens forwarded to the Office of the State Prosecutor - 6

Non-citizens reported by Immigration & Customs Enforcement - 2

Change in citizenship status (according to the Office of the State Prosecutor) - 3

### **4. Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division**

#### Candidacy

The 2020 candidate filing season has officially opened. Currently, 10 candidates have filed at SBE for the 2020 election cycle.

#### Campaign Finance

The inaugural campaign finance report for an inauguration committee was due on March 7th. The report detailed the donations received and expenditures made by the Governor's inauguration committee. Since the committee filed a final report, no further reports are required.

#### Enforcement Actions

The CCF Division received the payments for the following civil penalties:

- Maryland Classified Employees Association, Inc. PAC failed to report contributions and expenditures on numerous campaign finance reports and paid a civil penalty of \$3,995.00 on 11/26/2018.
- Friends of Julian Lopez made cash disbursements greater than \$25.00 and paid a civil penalty of \$600.00 on 12/06/2018. The committee had multiple offenses.
- Scott Bernal for Sheriff made cash disbursement greater than \$25.00 and paid a civil penalty of \$100.00 on 12/07/2018.
- Holly (Harriet) Wright for Senate failed to include an authority line on campaign material and paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 on 12/11/2018.

- Friends Of Gareth E. Murray failed to maintain accounts of books and records and report contributions and expenditures on its campaign finance report. The committee paid the civil penalty of \$1,050.00 on 12/31/2018.

## **5. Project Management office (PMO)**

### Inventory: Excess Equipment Disposal

SBE continued to work with the Department of General Services (DGS) to auction off, recycle, or send to trash the equipment and supply items located in the central warehouse. After making several attempts to sell the black cases for the legacy equipment (TS-R6), SBE is using DGS' trash contractor to dispose of them. To date, 15,985 of the 17,200 black cases have been picked up by the trash contractor.

### Inventory Management

There are several tasks underway to update the inventory system and ensure a greater level of accuracy of inventory data.

April 1st will be start of the FY2019 Annual Inventory Audit for equipment and supplies at both SBE and the local boards. The inventory audit will involve the scanning of each equipment item and counting of supplies.

### Additional Space

DGS obtained approval for SBE to lease the additional space on the 2nd floor (formerly occupied by Trace). The PMO has been leading many of the tasks involved with the new space. The office construction plans for the new space are being finalized, and work is expected to start soon.

### Other

The lease for SBE's current warehouse in Glen Burnie is set to expire on January 31, 2020. The PMO is working with DGS to determine the possibility of SBE to remain at the location for another three to five years.

## **6. Voting System**

### Electronic Pollbooks.

For the last few months, SBE and ES&S have been working on a pollbook hardware update that was potentially to be used for the 2020 election cycle. Unfortunately, ES&S could not meet all of SBE's requirements and deliver in time for the 2020 Primary Election. SBE is therefore going to continue using the current pollbooks for the 2020 election cycle. While these pollbooks are aging, the pollbooks performed well in 2018, and post-election maintenance has gone well with them too.

As it appears that legislation related to same day registration on Election Day will pass, we are performing some testing with the current software version and also drafting specifications for updates that will be need to be made to reflect the requirements of the legislation.

### Post-Election Maintenance.

Local boards have been continuing post-election maintenance on the equipment, and many have finished. All local boards are required to finish it 120 days after the equipment is released after the election. For the 2018 General, this is April 16<sup>th</sup>. Those pieces of equipment that have failed the post-election maintenance are being repaired.

### Electionware Update

ES&S is currently developing an upgrade to the voting system software. This would involve an update to all components of the voting system, including the Electionware server and workstations, ballot scanners and the ballot marking devices. The update has features SBE would like, including improved navigation for the ballot marking devices, and we have provided input and requirements for it. However, the development and federal certification timeline is extremely tight, and while we would like to use the updated version in 2020, it may not be possible.

### **Legislation**

1. HB 71/SB184 - Video Streaming and Recording State Board of Elections Meetings: Requires DoIT assistance with requirement. Passed both houses with an October 1, 2019, effective date.
2. HB79/SB461 - Early Voting Centers - Establishment: Authorizes all counties to establish one additional early voting center.
3. HB 172 - Departmental - Voter Registration Deadlines and Security: Authorizes SBE to impose a civil penalty on a person who fails to report a breach in the secure storage of voter registration information. Also, with the majority of voter registration transactions submitted electronically, alters the hours that SBE and the local boards must be open on the voter registration deadline.
4. HB174 - Departmental - Absentee Ballot Requests - Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: Conforms law to practice of only requesting the last four digits of a Social Security number on an absentee ballot application.
5. HB176 - Departmental - Candidates - Revisions: Allows a new political party to file paperwork for the nomination of candidates by the new party.
6. HB177 - Departmental - Judicial Proceedings Involving Local Board Notice: Allows a local board to notify SBE of judicial proceedings by email instead of by certified mail.
7. HB237 - Early Voting Centers - Hours of Operation: Keeps early voting hours from 10 am to 8 pm for any primary election, but changes them to 8 am to 8 pm for any general election.
8. HB252/SB936 - Correctional Facilities - Voting Coordinators (House Bill title): Requires each correctional facility to designate an employee to act as the facilities' voting coordinator. Mandates SBE conduct an annual training program.
9. HB286/SB449 (Not crossfiled but same topic) - Registration and Voting at Precinct Polling Places: Provides that, if an individual provides proof of residency, the individual may register and vote on election day at the polling place.
10. HB 577 - County Employee Service as Election Judge - Administrative Leave: Expands the provisions for administrative leave to employees serving as election judges.
11. HB747 - Links to Online Voter Registration: Requires the Maryland State website template used by State agencies to contain a link to the online voter registration system.
12. HB830 - County Public Campaign Financing - Administration: Requires a county government to provide funding and staff for the operation, administration and auditing of a county public financing system.
13. HB878 - Campaign Finance - Late Fees and Certificates of Nomination: Alters the fees that are due for failure to file a campaign finance report, an affidavit, or an amended report and prohibits issuing a certificate of nomination if a candidate owes late fees.
14. SB123 - Coordinated Expenditures and Donations - Investigation: As previously designated, alters the duty to investigate potential coordinated expenditure violations to the State Administrator or designee and allows the issuance of a subpoena for records or testimony.

15. SB226/HB260 - Campaign Finance Violations - Injunctive Relief: Adds that a candidate may seek an immediate injunction against a campaign finance entity supporting a candidate for the same office that has not filed the pre-election campaign finance report.
16. SB230 - Canvassing of Absentee Ballots - Reporting Unofficial Results: Requires local boards to release unofficial absentee results at the end of each day of canvassing.
17. SB364 - Election Day Page Program - Establishment: Requires SBE develop an Election Day Page Program and requires the local boards, in collaboration with the local school systems, to establish a procedure for selecting of pages, and authorizing community service hours for service as an Election Day Page.
18. SB651 - Local Boards of Elections - Membership: Except for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, alters the membership of all local boards from 3 full members and 2 substitute members to 5 full members effective June 1, 2019. (Impacts Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Calvert, Dorchester, Howard, and St. Mary's Counties)
19. SB743 - Election Service Providers - Contract Clauses and Termination of Contract: Mandates that certain contracts for election service or support include a clause requiring notice of ownership or investment by a foreign national at the time of award or anytime for the duration of the contract. The contract must also contain language for termination of the contract in whole or in part under certain conditions.
20. SB950 - Campaign Finance - Death of Candidate - Termination of Campaign Committee: Establishes that, within 120 days after the death of a candidate, a candidate's committee shall pay outstanding obligations, dispose of remaining funds in accordance with any expressed wishes by the candidate, and file a final report.
21. SB1004 - Election Calendar and Processes: Alters the election calendar to better accommodate the requirements of the MOVE Act. The 2018 Primary Election demonstrated the need to clarify language and change deadlines regarding the preparation of ballots. The date of an election should be considered the 45th day prior to the actual date of the election. Deadlines for candidates and ballot questions are altered recognizing potential for judicial challenge.

## ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

March 28, 2019

1. *Benisek v. Lamone*, No. 1:13-cv-03233 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case involves claims that the State's congressional districting map is an unconstitutional political gerrymander. On November 7, 2018, the court granted the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment, denied that of the defendants, and awarded judgment to the plaintiffs. Defendants appealed to the Supreme Court, and the ruling was stayed during the pendency of the appeal. On March 26, 2019, the appeal was argued to the Supreme Court, which should rule on the appeal by the end of June 2019.

2. *Fusaro v. Davitt et al.*, No: 1:17-cv-03582 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). Plaintiff Dennis Fusaro brought a complaint in federal court alleging that Maryland violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments by limiting access to the voter list to Maryland voters and only for purposes related to the electoral process. On September 4, 2018, the State defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint was granted, and the plaintiff appealed. The Fourth Circuit heard argument on the appeal on March 20, 2019. The court has not yet ruled.

3. *Johnson v. Prince George's County Board of Elections*, No. CAL16-42799 (Cir. Ct. Prince Georges Cnty.). No change from the last update. This case involves a challenge under the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution and Declaration of Rights to the SBE's alleged failure to provide information and access to voter registration and voting resources to eligible voters detained by the Prince Georges County Department of Correction during the 2016 election. The case had been originally filed in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County but was removed on the basis of the federal claims asserted by the Plaintiffs. On February 27, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland granted SBE's motion to dismiss the Plaintiffs' federal claims, declined to exercise jurisdiction over the state claims, and remanded the case to the Circuit Court for further proceedings. The parties are awaiting further direction from the court.

4. *Barber v. Maryland Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-17-001691 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.) No change from the last update. On January 25, Ms. Barber appealed from the Circuit Court's January 11 dismissal of her complaint. Ms. Barber sought damages and judicial review of, among other things, the State Board's decision not to issue a declaratory ruling permitting her to use campaign funds to pay for litigation costs she incurred in her unsuccessful attempt to retain her position as an administrative law judge in the District of Columbia. Ms. Barber was ruled ineligible for that position

due to her candidacy in 2016 for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland. The appeal is fully briefed, and on December 18, 2018 the Court of Special Appeals ordered that the appeal would be adjudicated without oral argument.

5. *Judicial Watch v. Lamone*, No. 1:17-cv-02006-ELH (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case involves the denial of access to Maryland’s voter registration database. Under Maryland law, access to the voter registration list is limited to Maryland registered voters and only for non-commercial, election-related uses. Judicial Watch—an elections watchdog group located in Tennessee—requested Maryland’s voter registration “database” and was denied because it was not a Maryland registered voter. Judicial Watch filed suit, arguing that the database was required to be disclosed under the federal National Voter Registration Act. Discovery has closed summary judgment is being briefed by the parties. Judicial Watch’s reply in support of its motion for summary judgment is due April 24.

6. *The Washington Post, et al. v. McManus, et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-02527 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case presents a challenge by a coalition of newspaper publishers that maintain an online presence to certain provisions of the recently-passed Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act (the “Act”). Specifically, the plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of the Act’s imposition of disclosure obligations on newspaper publishers that accept online political ads, its use of terms in defining those obligations that are allegedly vague and overbroad, and its empowerment of the Attorney General to pursue injunctive remedies for violations of the Act. The plaintiffs also contend that the Act is preempted by the federal Communications Decency Act. On November 16, 2018, the court held a hearing on plaintiff’s motion for preliminary injunction, and on January 4, 2019, that motion was granted on the ground that plaintiffs’ “as applied” constitutional challenge to the statute was likely to succeed. On February 2, 2019, the defendants appealed that ruling to the Fourth Circuit. The defendants’ opening brief is due April 12, 2019.

7. *Segal v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. 1:18-cv-2731 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. On September 5, 2018, Jerome Segal filed a complaint seeking a preliminary and permanent injunction requiring the State Board of Elections to accept the petition filed in support of the creation of the Bread and Roses party, and to include plaintiff’s name on the general election ballot as the Bread and Roses Party’s nominee for the U.S. Senate contest. On September 18, 2018, the court denied plaintiff’s requested preliminary injunction, on October 11, 2018 the court of appeals affirmed that ruling, and on November 14, 2018, the court of appeals denied plaintiff’s request for *en banc* review. On January 4, 2019, the district court

ordered plaintiff to submit a status report by January 18, 2019, indicating if the case can be dismissed as moot.

8. *Hanna v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-002660 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.). On September 5, 2018, plaintiff Willie Hanna filed suit to challenge the State Board's rejection of his petition candidacy for the contest for Delegate representing the 40<sup>th</sup> legislative district, on the ground that he had not submitted sufficient verifiable signatures in support of his petition. Mr. Hanna used a petition form that omitted several components that are required by Maryland law. On October 11, 2018, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss or, in the alternative, for summary judgment. The court held a hearing on that motion on January 17, 2019, at which Mr. Hanna did not appear. On that same day, the court awarded summary judgment to the defendants.

9. *Johnston, et al., v. Lamone*, No. 18-cv-3988-ADC (D. Md.). On December 28, 2018, the Libertarian Party of Maryland (the "Party") and its Chairman, Robert Johnston, filed a lawsuit alleging that the statutory scheme governing the official recognition of minor parties in Maryland, as applied to the Party, was unconstitutional in at least two ways. They alleged that the scheme violates their First Amendment speech and association rights by requiring the Party to undertake the petition process to re-obtain formal recognition under State law, when there are already over 22,000 Maryland voters currently registered as Libertarians. They also alleged that the standard by which Maryland verifies petition signatures is unconstitutionally strict, in that it requires the rejection of signatures of known Maryland voters due to technical noncompliance with the statutory standard. Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction, which was denied at a hearing on January 31, 2019. Subsequently, the defendant filed a motion to dismiss, which is fully briefed and pending before the court.

10. *Phukan v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. C-2-CV-19-000192 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.). On January 23, 2019, Anjali Reed Phukan, who was the Republican nominee for Comptroller in the 2018 election, filed a lawsuit against the State Board of Elections seeking a writ of mandamus directing the State Board of Elections to decertify Comptroller Peter Franchot's campaign committee, an injunction requiring Mr. Franchot and his campaign committee to file corrected campaign finance reports, a declaratory judgment that Ms. Phukan is entitled to examine the documentation supporting any corrected campaign finance reports that Mr. Franchot or his committee files, and a declaratory judgment that Ms. Phukan be issued the oath of office as Comptroller and be awarded back pay and the costs of suit, should Mr. Franchot or his committee fail to file corrected campaign finance reports. On March 22, 2019, the defendant filed a motion to dismiss the complaint.

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**Memorandum**

**TO:** State Board Members  
**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
**DATE:** March 28, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Waiver of late filing fees standards

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by campaign committees that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each committee as well as the Administrator's recommendation for Board approval on granting a waiver request.

In the past the Board has considered the following facts in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family.
- The late report is the first late report and allows the committee to close, or contains minimal financial activity.
- The fee will cause undue financial hardship, if the liability of the fine is the personal responsibility of the officers.
- Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-337 (b) (3), the State Administrator has denied fourteen waiver request, for the month of March. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$18,254.50.

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.



1. Amankwah, John Friends of
2. Baltimore County Chief Fire Officers PAC
3. Barlow, (Joshua) 4 Delegate
4. Benn, Sarahia Friends to Elect
5. Bennett-Nwosu, Catherine Vote For
6. Better Budget Baltimore
7. Cager, Chezia Friends of
8. Chappell, Justin Citizens Empowered For
9. Collins Team Baltimore Slate
10. Dides, (Emad) for Commissioner
11. Dixon, Felicia A. Friends of
12. Durso, Mike Citizens For
13. Etienne, Roussan Jr. Friends of
14. Finoh, Sia Citizens for
15. Fox, Fred Garrett County Commissioner, Friends to Elect
16. Frederick Republican Victory Slate
17. Frierson, Jamie Citizens for
18. Guy, James (Randy), Citizens for
19. Hall, Kirkland Citizens to Elect
20. Holt, Alice L. Friends of
21. Holupka, Scott Friends Of
22. Kaplan, Suzi Friends of
23. Lande, Marc non-Violence for
24. Little, Jordan, Friends of
25. Phillips, Mike Citizens for
26. Pierre, Marylin for Judge
27. Prince George's Property Owners Association Inc PAC
28. Robertson, Allen E. Friends of
29. Rush, Tamera for Board of Education
30. Sierra Club Political Committee - Maryland Chapter PAC
31. Sivigny, Donna Friends of
32. Sorber, Nathan M. Friends to Elect
33. Therrien, Dave for Maryland
34. Wiles, Jade Citizens of District 19 for

Deny

1. Asprilla, Robert Friends of
2. Blount, Danny M. Friends of
3. Burton, Robert (Rob) Friends for
4. Gannon, (Holton) Joe Friends of
5. Gedamu, (Yodit) Mimi for Maryland, Friends of
6. Gibbs, Makeba Committee to Elect
7. Lang, Bradley Friends of
8. Proctor, Orlando for Delegate
9. Shelton, David Friends of
10. Skarlupka, Carmen Friends of
11. Slocum, Albert Citizens for
12. Trout, Ryan Friends of
13. Turner, Ryan Friends of
14. Williams, Lawrence Friends of

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Amankwah, John Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012677	<b>Status: Inactive</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	02/26/2018	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	10/05/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Philippe Savage	<b>Start Date: 02/26/2018</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	John D. Amankwah	02/26/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	10/05/2018		\$440.00	\$440.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$440.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Dealing with family issues

### Division Comments

Reduced to \$220.00

### Administrator's Decision

10/1/18

RECEIVED  
OCT 05 2018  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

to MDSBE  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

from ROBERT A AMATO  
FRIENDS OF BOB AMATO

CCF ID : 010/2697

RE: Request for Waiver/Penalty

I was late in filing my latest report, I was working off my mobile phone & apparently missed the final check to transmit!

Please waive the penalty

Robert A Amato  
443 553 3579

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Baltimore County Chief Fire Officers PAC	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	03011647	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	04/04/2017	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	10/31/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	PAC Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Thomas George Ramey	<b>Start Date: 04/04/2018</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Wayne Lee Tome	04/04/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	10/31/2018		\$100.00	\$100.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$100.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Post-General Report	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,623.80	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

First time for treasurer and he was not sure how to work the system

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

10/31/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (AL)



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

**Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (AL)**  
1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Oct 31, 2018

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Thomas Ramey** <tgramey@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Oct 31, 2018 at 12:42 PM  
Subject: Re: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)  
To: <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as a formal request for a waiver of late fees for the recent late filing for the Baltimore County Chief Fire Officers PAC. ID 03011647. I apologize as this is my first year with being the treasurer. A member of our association attended a fund raiser and I was waiting for a receipt prior to filing the report and I missed the deadline oversight. I now know that I should have submitted the campaign finance report and then amended it afterward if necessary. We have not requested this in the past and I can assure you that it will not happen again.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,

Thomas G. Ramey

On Wed, Oct 31, 2018 at 12:23 PM <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

Dear THOMAS RAMEY,

This email is to inform you that the Maryland State Board of Elections (MSBE) has received your filing of the Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for the 10/26/2018 Pre-General Report Gubernatorial Report. Please retain this email as a receipt of the filing to the committee "Baltimore County Chief Fire Officers PAC".

If you have any questions regarding this email or the filing, please contact us at 410-269-2880.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Maryland State Board of Elections

(This message was sent to you by an automated e-mail system. Please do not reply.)

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Barlow, (Joshua) 4 Delegate	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012041	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	11/15/2017	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/15/2017	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Tammy Michelle Barlow	<b>Start Date:</b> 11/15/2017
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Joshua Carl Barlow	11/15/2017
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report		9/21/2018	\$300.00	\$300.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$300.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Had trouble with internet service and thought it was filed but notice it was not filed once he received the notice

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$150.00

### Administrator's Decision

10-20-18

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Ms. Lamone,

I am writing in reference to an oversight that caused a charge of \$ 300.00 to my campaign fund. My account is Barlow4delegate and I ran unsuccessfully in the primary in the 7<sup>th</sup> legislative district. The problem occurred when I entered the information. I had logged in and put all the entries into the account with enough time to have it in before the deadline, however my home computer must have gone offline, I have satellite service and this happens once in a while, when I went to submit it. I was unaware of the lateness until I received a letter in the mail. I ran a humble campaign as you can see if you look up the donations made. I am a teacher of at-risk youth and have little money to spare. I was told to write a letter to you and ask for your discretion as I am now doing. I am hoping you can forgive said penalty as it was an error, not intentional, and info was entered in well before the deadline. Thanks for your time and considering this matter. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

With respect and regards, Joshua Barlow

[Barlow4delegate@gmail.com](mailto:Barlow4delegate@gmail.com)

443 474 0640. Cell

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Benn, Sarahia Friends to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012216	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	1/22/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/8/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Wesynd Davis	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/22/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Sarahia Benn	1/22/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		10/28/18	\$40.00	\$40.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 40.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
10/26/18	\$0	\$609	\$5,988	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

My treasurer had uploaded the report but was having trouble getting it to close.

### Division Comments

Grant 1<sup>st</sup> request.

### Administrator's Decision

February 6, 2019

Maryland State Board of Elections  
PO Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Dear Linda H. Lamme and Board,

I am requesting a waiving of the 10-28-18 delinquent fee. This was during the General election and my treasurer had the report uploaded in time however was having difficulty getting it to close out and it took several days before she was able to speak to a representative who was able to guide her through and correct a mistakes in the process. In the past we have paid these late fees even though much of the issue was navigating the SBE system that has some hitches in it that sometimes don't show you how to correct a mistake when one has been made or its tough to contact a REP at the SBE due to high call volumes. But this time I am asking that the fee be waived to resolve this issue. Also, I had thought this issue had been addressed before now but it is an apparent oversight. So I apologize for any inconvenience. Please let me know ASAP.

Sincerely,

Sarahia M. Benn  
ChairPerson  
Friends To Elect Sarahia Benn  
CCF ID: 01012216

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Bennett-Nwosu, Catherine Vote For	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011996	<b>Status: Inactive</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	10/30/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/28/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Kala Borders	<b>Start Date: 10/30/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Nnabugwu Nwosu	10/30/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
8/28/18		9/8/18	\$170.00	\$170.00	
10/26/18		11/02/18	\$130.00	\$130.00	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$300.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Post-General Report	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Marked the last report without having a zero balance didn't understand you must have zero balance to close.

### Division Comments

Grant for 10/26/18, deny for 8/28/18.

### Administrator's Decision

9/28/18

Dear Maryland State Board of Elections,

Our campaign filed our 8/28/18 Pre-General Report on 9/8/18. Catherine Bennett-Nwosu was a first time candidate running for local Board of Education, in the 6/26/18 Primary elections she came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our understanding was that because she would not be advancing to the General Elections, the Pre-General Finance Report was not applicable. After calling making this submission we called the State Finance Board to understand why we were required to submit this report. We now understand that we must zero the account and loan balance and submit the report as a "final report". We are grateful for this explanation and will complete this for the next finance report as to formally end the campaign.

On 9/26/18 our campaign received a late fee bill of \$170 due to our late submission. We are requesting a fee waiver for this amount. If you have any questions you can contact any of us at the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

Catherine Bennett-Nwosu, Candidate  
240-272-2976  
[cbnwosu@gmail.com](mailto:cbnwosu@gmail.com)

Nnabugwu Nwosu, Campaign Manager  
240-383-9122  
[teknomanslade@gmail.com](mailto:teknomanslade@gmail.com)

Kala Borders, Treasurer  
240-605-6647  
[kalamborders@gmail.com](mailto:kalamborders@gmail.com)

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Better Budget Baltimore	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	04013087	<b>Status:</b> InActive
<b>Date Established</b>	07/31/2018	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/06/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Ballot Issue Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jane Marie Henderson	<b>Start Date:</b> 07/31/2018
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Nabeegah Azeez	07/31/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report		11/02/2018	\$130.00	\$130.00	
2018 Gubernatorial Ballot Issue Report		10/19/2018	\$70.00	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$200.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Was unaware that they had to file reports because the committee was not raising any money just collecting signatures.

### Division Comments

Reduced to \$100.00

### Administrator's Decision

I respectfully request that you waive the \$200 in late fees that have been quite unintentionally accrued. Again, I note that NO funds were ever raised because there never was a BBB campaign. I apologize for the errors we have made in our good faith efforts to report, but hope you will forgive the fines that have resulted. We are in this situation, at least in part, because we over-reported in our first report, providing details that created the negative balance which made it impossible for us to then shutdown the account. I believe that the intent of such late fees is to punish quite the opposite of intent!

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request!

Sincerely,



Jane Henderson  
Executive Director  
Communities United

*Candreaswer, Better Budget Baltimore*

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Cager, Chezia Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012283	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/01/18	
Date Waiver Requested	1/24/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Sydney Martin	Start Date: 2/01/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Chezia Cager	2/01/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/19		11/29/18	\$90	\$90	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$90.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/20/19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Campaign report marked final.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

Sydney Martin, CPA  
5801 Stuart Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

1/17/2019

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS P.O. BOX 6486  
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401-0486

RE: CCF ID: 01012283 Fee Waiver Request

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you so much for approving the Friends of Chezia Cager campaign fee waiver request for the Pre-General report for October. In the letter submitted in December, we were requesting all fees, including the November report be waived due to the campaign marking FINAL on the August 2018 report. Please review the previous correspondence submitted as we are asking for the late fees to be waived for the November report as the account was still not closed by the State of Maryland. We submitted the letter via snail mail and electronically regarding October and November fees. The account was finally closed by the State of Maryland in January 2019, despite the August 2018 report being submitted as final.

Please feel free to let us know if additional information is needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sydney Martin

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Chappell, Justin Citizens Empowered For	
CCF ID:	01000451	Status: Active
Date Established	11/30/99	
Date Waiver Requested	3/12/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Ben Spangenberg	Start Date: 11/30/99
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Justin Chappell	11/30/99
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		11/26/18	\$60	\$60	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 60	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I was hospitalized at the time of the deadline.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

# FAX COVER SHEET

TO	LindaLamone
COMPANY	
FAX NUMBER	14109742019
FROM	Justin Chappell
DATE	2019-03-11 21:04:29 GMT
RE	Late Fee Waiver

## COVER MESSAGE

Dear Ms. Linda Lamone,

I am the treasurer for Citizen&rsquo;s Empowered for Justin Chappell.I&rsquo;m writing to request a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act to waive the late fee for missing the November filing deadline by a few days. I was hospitalized at the time of the deadline, and my husband is the campaign chairman.

We apologize for missing the deadline because of a serious illness beyond our control. We did not raise any money during the reporting period, nor run for public office, and thus had no intention or motivation to deceive or lack transparency. I reviewed our records and filed our campaign finance report as soon as I was able to do so. Unfortunately, it was a few days beyond the deadline.

Sincerely,

Ben Spangenberg, Treasurer

Justin Chappell, Chairman

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Collins Team Baltimore Slate	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	02013034	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	6/12/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	12//12/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Henry Ciezkowski	<b>Start Date:</b> 6/12/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Gary Collins	6/12/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		11/13/18	\$240	\$240	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$240	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

It was my understand that as the candidate won no other filings were required, which proved to be wrong

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

December 12, 2018

Henry Ciezkowski  
Treasurer | Marylanders for Gary Collins  
3010 Delmar Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21219

Maryland State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Request to Waive Campaign Late Fees – Collins Team Baltimore Slate

Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance:

It has come to my attention that *Collins Team Baltimore Slate*, under CCF ID 02013034 received a “late filing” status in the most recent campaign finance reports. As a new treasurer for political campaigns, I always intend to follow the rules and regulations that are established; however, I clearly fell short on this account.

My limited understanding was that since this candidate, Gary M. Collins, won his office, further campaign finance filings were not required until the next election cycle. I also believed the same held true since Makelle Collins lost her office. After notices and further investigation, my initial understanding proved wrong.

I am asking for the Maryland Board of Elections to make a one-time exception and forgive the late fees associated with this account. The campaign intends to keep this account open. I intend to always file the appropriate reports, even if an *Affidavit of Limited Contributions* is the only requirement.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to positively hearing back shortly.

Sincerely,



Henry J. Ciezkowski

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Dides, (Emad) for Commissioner	
CCF ID:	01012197	Status: Inactive
Date Established	1/11/18	
Date Waiver Requested	1/08/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Maria Ciancio	Start Date: 1/11/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Emad Dides	1/11/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$20.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Per OSP : The above-referenced committee was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the failure to pay the associated late fee for the 2018 Gubernatorial Pre Primary 1 Report. Based on our review of the file, we have determined that prosecution is not warranted as all required campaign finance reports have been filed and the amount of late fees in the amount of \$20.00 is de minimis.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

STATE OF MARYLAND



Emmet C. Davitt  
STATE PROSECUTOR

Hampton Plaza  
Suite 410  
300 East Joppa Road  
Towson, MD 21286-3152  
Telephone (410) 321-4067  
Fax (410) 321-3851

OFFICE OF  
THE STATE PROSECUTOR

January 8, 2019

Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: (Emad) Dides for Commissioner, CCF ID: 01012197  
OSP File No.: 19-5500

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced committee was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the failure to pay the associated late fee for the 2018 Gubernatorial Pre Primary 1 Report. Based on our review of the file, we have determined that prosecution is not warranted as all required campaign finance reports have been filed and the amount of late fees in the amount of \$20.00 is *de minimis*.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely Yours,

*Stephannie Krulevitz*  
Stephannie Krulevitz  
Assistant State Prosecutor

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Dixon, Felicia A. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011437	Status: Inactive
Date Established	02/02/2016	
Date Waiver Requested	10/10/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	William Aubrery Dixon	Start Date: 02/02/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Felicia Annmarie Dixon	02/02/2016
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary2 Report	8/20/2018		\$500.00	\$500.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$500.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

After withdrawing from the election I thought that she was done with filing.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

10/25/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - Dixon, Felicia A. Friends of



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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**Dixon, Felicia A. Friends of**

4 messages

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**Victorica Smith -SBE-** <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 9:40 AM

To: dixon.felicia@rocketmail.com, W Dixon <wdixon89@gmail.com>

Please see the document below concerning your waiver request.

*Victorica Smith*

*Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance*

*410 269-2840 Phone*

*410 974-5415 Fax*

*Tomorrow this day will be gone forever, let what you have left behind be something good.*

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**Felicia Dixon** <dixon.felicia@rocketmail.com>

Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 1:26 PM

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Thank you Victoria for the documentation. I left a message for Jared Demarinis that in 2017 I called and explained I was not going to move forward in the election because I was laid off and my son and I had housing challenges and had to stay in a hotel for a few week so I withdrew however was never told I had anything I needed to do.

I was again laid off in June 2018 and my only source of income to take care of myself and son is unemployment. I am receiving insurance through Maryland Health choice and SNAP until I find a new job.

I do not have \$500 so pay anyone. I am barely getting by currently. I filled out the waiver explaining I am unemployed. There is absolutely no way I can pay \$500 and I have to take care of my son with \$387 via unemployment benefits.

It's unfair that the election board to seeking money from an unemployed single Mother.

*Felicia Dixon, MBA*

*"Live your Dreams"*

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**Jared DeMarinis -SBE-** <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>

Thu, Oct 18, 2018 at 10:59 AM

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Durso, Mike Citizens For	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01005584	<b>Status: Inactive</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	3/04/10	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/11/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	David Hobson	<b>Start Date: 3/04/10</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Carol Dahlberg	3/04/10
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/25/19	\$90	\$90	
11/20/18		11/26/18	\$60	\$60	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 150.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/16/19	\$0	\$43	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I have been unable to communicate with my treasurer, who is dealing with a family situations. I don't know how to respond to any current information request in view of a lack of communication with the treasurer.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$75.00

### Administrator's Decision

February 6, 2019

Memorandum : Maryland State Board of Elections  
Subject : Citizens for Mike Durso Account

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

I have enclosed copies of two recent notices from your Board related to my account when I was a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education. My tenure on the MCPS Board ended on November 30, 2018. In addition, my SunTrust Campaign Account was closed on May 9, 2016.

My dilemma is that I have been unable to communicate with my Treasurer, Mr. David Hobson . Mr. Hobson has been dealing with significant family situations, resulting in my inability to communicate by phone , e-mail, or text. I also am unaware of a current address for Mr. Hobson .

I am requesting the Board to close out my file and eliminate any fees that might be due. I do not know how to respond to any current information requests in view of a lack of interaction or communication with my Campaign Treasurer.

I await hearing from the Board on this matter.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Durso

Member, Montgomery County Board of Education, 2009 – 2018  
President, Montgomery County Board of Education, 2016 - 2018

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Etienne, Roussan Jr. Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01019946	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	02/25/2014	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/16/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Sheila May Kay	<b>Start Date: 02/21/2017</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Roussan Etienne	02/25/2014
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18	11/16/2018		\$270.00	\$270.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$270.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Did not get a reminder notification

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

11/16/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - Waiver request



Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

## Waiver request

The Zoe Network LLC <info@thezonenetwork.com>  
Reply-To: info@thezonenetwork.com  
To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Fri, Nov 16, 2018 at 11:30

Hello I'm requesting waiver of late fees. I didn't receive email notice, also I just received notice letter in mail out mailed Nov 6.

Thank you.

Dr. Roussan Etienne Jr. Ph.D.  
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THE ZOE NETWORK LLC.  
517 ROCK CREEK CHURCH ROAD  
NW Washington D.C. 20010-0000  
Office: 202-607-6738  
Email: info@thezonenetwork.com

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Finoh, Sia Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011562	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	02/01/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/13/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jonathan Tayviah	<b>Start Date:</b> 7/10/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Sia Finoh	2/01/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		11/13/18	\$240	\$240	
8/28/18		10/10/18	\$490	\$490	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 730.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
10/26/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We thought we had filed a close out report.

### Division Comments

Reduce fee to \$365.00

### Administrator's Decision

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## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Citizens for Sia Finch Account Number: 01011562

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount of late fees: \$ 730.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Sia Finch

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 8/28/2018 - \$490.00  
10/26/2018 - \$240.00

The basis for the request: I thought, I had filed the Affidavit for a close-out but, I just found out that I did not. As this moment I cannot afford to pay the amount listed above.

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Fox, Fred Garrett County Commissioner, Friends to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012493	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/23/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	1/16/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jen Wampler	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/23/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Fred Fox	2/23/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		1/16/19	\$500	\$500	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$500.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am respectfully requesting the fees be waived

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



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**Fred Fox** <fredgfox@gmail.com>  
to me

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Ms. Parran,

Thanks very much for your help today with getting my campaign reporting

Per our conversation, respectfully requesting the fees be waived on the la

I will be in touch with you once I return to get all the required reporting coi

Thanks again for your assistance. You were wonderful!

Best,  
Fred Fox  
240-398-8488

No problem. Safe travels.

It was my pleasure.

Tha

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Ebony Parran



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Frederick Republican Victory Slate	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	02012932	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	4/10/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	3/6/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Brendan Mahoney	<b>Start Date:</b> 4/10/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Robert Oshea	4/10/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/17/19	\$	\$10	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 10	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/16/19	\$8,600	\$13,600	\$49	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Our report was one day late, at the time our treasurer was going through some serious health issues.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

3/6/2019

Maryland.gov Mail - Fwd: Fee Wavier Request FRVS



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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**Fwd: Fee Wavier Request FRVS**

1 message

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 10:37 AM

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>, "Ebony R. Parran -SBE-" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

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From: **Brendan M** <brendanmahoney242@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 4:25 PM

Subject: Fee Wavier Request FRVS

To: info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>, <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Mr. Demarinis,

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, a one day late fee in the amount of \$10 was assessed to the Frederick Republican Victory Slate. Our treasurer at the time, Lois Gibson was dealing with some serious health issues. Due to her condition she failed to file the report before the due date. We are requesting that the late fee be waived in light of these extenuating circumstances.

Further, our organization is looking to close this campaign account as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brendan Mahoney

Treasuer, Frederick Republican Victory Slate

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Frierson, Jamie Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011275	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	1/11/16	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/19/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Leo White	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/11/16
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Jamie Frierson	1/11/16
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/26/19	\$100	\$100	
			\$	\$	
					Waived/ \$120.00
					Reduced
				\$100	OSP- 11/22/16

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The candidate ran in 2016 election, after losing we thought we had closed the account.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

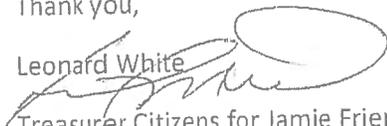
To whom it may concern,

February 19, 2019

My candidate Jamie Latear Frierson ran in the 2016 election. After failing to win her seat and deciding not to run again, she and I thought that we had closed her campaign. In 2017 I Leonard White the treasurer balanced the M&T campaign account and filed what I believed to be the final affidavit. Which is why my candidate and I were both surprised to see a notice for a fine for late reporting fee for 2018. My candidate is no longer running for office, we are no longer soliciting donations, nor does this campaign have any expenses. We ask that we be excused from paying the late filing fees of \$100.00 and be giving adequate instructions as to how to close this campaign.

Thank you,

Leonard White

  
Treasurer Citizens for Jamie Frierson

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Guy, James (Randy), Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010490	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	02/24/2014	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	10/29/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	John Wayne Raley	<b>Start Date:</b> 01/30/2018
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	James Randall Guy	02/24/2014
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
8/28/18	09/06/2018		\$150.00	\$150.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$150.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,623.80	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Filed on time got email confirmation not sure why he owes late fees.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

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State Board of Elections  
151 West Street Suite 700  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

Dear David DeMARINO, Director

I first want to apologize for the incorrect date on the Pre-General Report 1. I went on line on 8/25/18 to file the General Report 2, affidavit of Limited Contribution and did not notice the upper right hand block had changed to report 2, Due 10/18.

I do think that a notice should have popped up to inform me I had not filed the report I got on the change should not take place until after 11:59 PM on the 28th of August. I did file at 6:51 AM 8/28/2018.

Your Consideration on this matter is greatly appreciated in eliminating the late fee of \$150.00

I once again apologize for any inconvenience this matter caused your staff.

Sincerely

James R. Guy

CCP ID: 01010490

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P.O. Box 111

Clements, MD. 20624

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Hall, Kirkland Citizens to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01006548	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	07/09/2010	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	09/27/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Ephraim Nutter Hall	<b>Start Date:</b> 07/09/2010
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Kirkland J. Hall	07/06/2010
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
9/03/10	06/30/2011		\$100	\$100	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$100.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Treasurer did not have the full understanding of the MD CRIS system.

### Division Comments

Grant, no action by OSP.

### Administrator's Decision

September 27, 2018

Ms. Victoria Molina  
State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
[info.sbe@maryland.gov](mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov)

**REF: LATE CAMPAIGN FILINGS**

Dear Ms. Molina:

Our Campaign Manager, Jake Burdett, for Dr. Kirkland Hall, spoke to you regarding our failure to promptly and properly file reports to your office. I must assume blame for this as I failed to properly and completely apprise Ms. Christine Allen of the reporting requirements and the protocol as I should have. She completely and properly prepared the data but I failed to advise her of the submission procedure to complete. The overdue financial reports have now been submitted. Please allow this correspondence to serve as our request to rescind the penalties in question due to a technological mistake of a young campaign and we assure you everything will be perfectly accurate and timely from here on out. Mea culpa.

Sincerely,

Billy Earl Amos  
Senior Advisor

CC: Kirkland Hall

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Holt, Alice L. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010890	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/15/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Verdell Whittington	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tony Best	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/24/14		2/15/19	\$250	\$250	
8/26/14		2/15/19	\$250	\$250	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$500.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
10/24/14	\$0	\$28	\$39	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I was not aware of the two charges from 2014 and was never notified regarding them.

### Division Comments

Grant, no action by OSP

### Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Holt, Alice L. Friends Account Number: 01010890

Date of Request: 2/15/19 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 500.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Verdell Whittington

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): \$250.00 10/24/14  
\$250.00 - 8/16/14

The basis for the request: I was not aware of the two charges from 2014 and was never notified regarding them. Also, I will be closing down the committee and I am asking for the \$500.00 to be waived. Thank you!

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Verdell L. Whittington  
(Signature)

2/15/19  
(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Holupka, Scott Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01009584	Status: Active
Date Established	12/16/2013	
Date Waiver Requested	11/06/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Paul Rosenberger	Start Date: 12/16/2013
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Charles S. Holupka	12/16/2016
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	11/20/2018		\$130.00	\$130.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$130.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the wrong report.

### Division Comments

Grant, verified by staff.

### Administrator's Decision



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C. Scott Holupka  
2527 Yorkway  
Dundalk, MD 21222

November 2, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West St.  
Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to request a waiver of the late fee for the 10/26/18 Pre General-2 Report. As the attached form shows, I inadvertently submitted the ALCE form on 10/23/18 for the 2018 Gubernatorial Post-General report instead of the 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General 2 report. I have corrected this mistake and submitted the appropriate report, a copy of which is also attached.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions or if I need to provide any additional forms/information. My contact information is:

[ScottHolupka@gmail.com](mailto:ScottHolupka@gmail.com)

Cell: 443-802-1821

Thank you for your consideration,

*Scott Holupka*

C. Scott Holupka

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Kaplan, Suzi Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012135	Status: Active
Date Established	1/02/18	
Date Waiver Requested	2/25/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Sarah Kaplan	Start Date 1/02/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Suzi Kaplan	1/02/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/18/19	\$20	\$20	
11/20/18		1/18/19	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		12/16/18	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$1020	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/16/1	\$0	\$0	\$263	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This was my first involvement in fundraising and filing reports. I frankly didn't pay enough attention to the filing deadlines.

### Division Comments

Waive for 10/26/18 deny the others.

### Administrator's Decision

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Suzi Williams Kaplan  
8718 Delcris Drive  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

February 23, 2019

State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Attn: Linda Lamone, Administrator

Dear Ms. Lamone:

I have received notification of fines totaling \$1000 for my failure to timely file campaign finance reports. I would appreciate it if the Board would consider an adjustment to the fines.

My campaign for membership on the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee was my first that involved fundraising and the filing of campaign finance reports. During my other campaign activities I frankly did not pay enough attention to filing deadlines. This is a lesson learned.

Again, an adjustment to the fines would be appreciated, particularly since I will have to pay the fines from personal funds. If you need additional information, I can be reached at 240-492-9066 or at [sewkap@gmail.com](mailto:sewkap@gmail.com).

Sincerely yours,

  
Suzi Kaplan

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Lande, Marc non-Violence for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012294	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	2/2/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/2/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Stephen Lande	<b>Start Date: 2/2/18</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Marc Lande	2/2/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		11/02/18	\$	\$130	
8/28/18		11/02/18	\$	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 630	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am requesting a waiver for my committee I only spent \$890 for my campaign. I thought I had all the paperwork completed. I currently work as a teacher and can't afford such stiff fees.

### Division Comments

Reduce to to \$315.

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- &lt;victorica.smith@maryland.gov&gt;

**Fwd: Waiver/ Marc Lande**

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Fri, Nov 2, 2018 at 4:04 PM

Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Waiver request.

Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486  
Phone: 410-269-2853

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From: **Marc Lande** <landemarc1@icloud.com>  
Date: Fri, Nov 2, 2018 at 3:45 PM  
Subject: Waiver/ Marc Lande  
To: <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Maryland Board of Elections,

I am requesting a waiver for the candidacy of Marc Lande, d-16 delegate democrat primary. I only sent \$890 for my campaign which received 563 votes good for 8th out of 8th place. I thought I had all my paperwork in and was squared away with MDBOE, a fine organization.

I currently work as a teacher only making \$16 an hour and can not afford such a stiff fee. Sorry for the misunderstanding but my campaign ended with the primary and I was under the impression that everything was squared away. Go Democrats, beat Trump. Thanks, Marc Lande

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Little, Jordan, Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010952	<b>Status: Inactive</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	02/25/2014	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	10/05/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Tonya Francine Green	<b>Start Date: 02/25/2014</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Morris Anthony Little	02/25/2014
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
8/28/18		10/01/2018	\$390.00	\$390.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
			Total	\$390.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Marked last report final and did not realize it was not accepted.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Jordan Little Account Number: 01010952

Date of Request: 10/1/2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 400.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Tonya Green

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 8/21/2018 Pre-Gubernatorial Report

The basis for the request: The 5/15/2018 Pre-primary 1 Gubernatorial report was filed on time followed by the "Final" Pre-primary 2 Gubernatorial report filed on 5/22/2018.

The payer was reported instead of the payee on the 5/15/2018 Pre-primary report in error.

We didn't file the 8/21/2018 report because we didn't realize our previous "final report" had been rejected.

The Prince George's Business Pac, ( account no.: 03009373) reflects the contribution in the amount of \$129.74 dated 05/11/2018. A copy of that check is herein attached for your review.

Tonya Green  
(Signature)

10/1/2018  
(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Phillips, Mike Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01005329	Status: Active
Date Established	8/28/2009	
Date Waiver Requested	2/21/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Robin Phillips	Start Date: 8/28/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Larry Phillips	8/28/09
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
8/28/18		8/30/18	\$40	\$40	
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190	
1/17/18		6/04/18	\$500	\$500	
					Waived/\$1030
					Reduced
				\$730.00	OSP-5/22/18, 1/17/18, 1/18/17

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Per OSP the account is to be made inactive then closed.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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Emmet C. Davitt  
STATE PROSECUTOR



OFFICE OF  
THE STATE PROSECUTOR

Hampton Plaza  
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300 East Joppa Road  
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February 12, 2019

Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Citizens For Mike Phillips, CCF ID: 01005329

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced committee was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the failure to timely and accurately file campaign finance report(s) and for the failure to pay the associated late fee(s). Based on our review of the file and receiving cooperation from Mr. Phillips, we request that this campaign committee be moved to inactive status.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Krulevitz*

Stephanie Krulevitz  
Assistant State Prosecutor

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Pierre, Marylin for Judge	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012170	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	1/11/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	1/14/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Nick Brame	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/11/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Marylin Pierre	1/11/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		12/26/18	\$360	\$360	
10/26/18		12/26/18	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 860.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/20/18	\$0	\$0	\$1,421	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I have been trying to get the invoices from the provider of my campaign materials so that I can complete the report. I am still trying to get the information that I need to file the report. I have sent e-mail reminders every week but I still have not received the invoices. Since I was not able to get the information that I needed, I was not able to file the report.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$430.00

### Administrator's Decision

On Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 6:27 PM Marylin Pierre <[mpierrelaw@gmail.com](mailto:mpierrelaw@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Mr. DeMarinis,

I am in receipt of your reply two days ago in reference to my inquiry about the late fee. I am sending this e-mail to further clarify my request.

I would like to know if the attached letter from the Board of Elections is an "automated" letter or if additional fees are being assessed every day. There seems to be a penalty of \$500 for the October 26th report and \$360 for the November 20th report. I am asking for exceptions for both reports.

Thank you in advance for your response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marylin Pierre

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Marylin Pierre, Attorney at Law

Pierre & Associates

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E-Mail: [mpierrelaw@gmail.com](mailto:mpierrelaw@gmail.com)

Facsimile: (301) 279-2010

Telephone: (301) 279-9020

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Prince George's Property Owners Association Inc PAC	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	03008454	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	04/16/2010	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/15/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	PAC Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Diane Francis Dorsch	<b>Start Date: 01/26/2018</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Lisa Caryn Miller	04/16/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		11/05/2018	\$160.00	\$160.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived/ \$400
					Reduced
			Total	\$160.00	OSP/1/17/18 report

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Did not fully understand how the system works, thought they could just enter the contribution and expenditures and the report was filed

### Division Comments

Reduced to \$80.00

### Administrator's Decision

# Prince Georges Property Owners Association Inc. PAC

PGPOA Box 1652  
College Park, MD 20741

Nov. 14, 2018

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Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Re: Pre-General Report, due 10/26/2018, Account No. 03008454  
Fee Running-Campaign Finance

The report required to be filed by PGPOA by 10/26/2018 showing any contributions made from this fund was made, as required on line, prior to that date. However, due to an error on my part on using the computer program, the report was not properly file in your system. From conversations I have had with various people in the department there is a record of that initial filing or attempted filing. Because this is an error on how I understood your program and was somewhat confused by it I am requesting that we not be fined for late filing. On Nov. 14, with the help of your office I was able to amend the report to reflect the proper information and send it to the correct place.

Thanks for your help.



David Dorsch  
Treasurer PGPOA

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Robertson, Allen E. Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012070	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	12/04/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/05/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Sterling Leese	<b>Start Date:</b> 12/04/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Allen Robertson	12/04/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		11/24/18	\$40	\$40	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 40.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/20/18	\$0	\$812	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I had difficulty trying to file the report on line and closing out the account.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

January 31, 2019

Maryland State Board of Elections  
c/o Victoria Molina  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Re: Waiver of Late Filing Penalty

Dear Ms. Molina:

A little over a year ago I agreed to serve as Treasurer for a friend of mine, Allen Robertson, who was a candidate for County Council for Baltimore County. I had never served in that capacity before. We had a very small campaign and only raised a couple thousand dollars. I filed my financial reports electronically in a timely manner. But I had some difficulty trying to file my report due on Nov. 20 because I was also attempting to close out the campaign and repay remaining money to Mr. Robertson for the \$1,000 loan he made to his campaign in one motion.

I made the mistake of not going to PNC Bank to have them cut a cashier's check from the ending balance to mail to Allen Robertson. Instead, I wrote him a check and it bounced because I did not account for service charges. I wrote the check on Oct. 26, 2018. The bank returned the check for insufficient funds on Nov. 7. (See Exh. A)

I then received a Notice from SBE that a report was due Nov. 20. (See Exh. B) On November 13, 2018 I went to PNC Bank where we had our campaign account to have them cut a check for \$734.07 made payable to Mr. Robertson closing the account. After that, I attempted to file both the Nov. 20 report and close out the Committee, but was not successful. But I did manage to file the financial report on Nov. 24, 2018 incurring the penalty. (See Exh. D) My intention was not to file late, but my inexperience and desire to close out the campaign at the same time caused me to be late by several days.

But I knew I had some issues with accounting for expenses and was frustrated by trying to do this on line, which was not my strong suit. On Jan. 7, 2019, I called the SBE auditor to schedule an appointment to go down to Annapolis in person to complete the audit of our small

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Rush, Tamera for Board of Education	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012797	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	02/23/2018	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	10/04/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Cheryl Lisa Adams	<b>Start Date:</b> 02/23/2018
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Tamera Lee Rush	02/23/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
6/15/18	06/22/2018		\$130.00	\$130.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$130.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

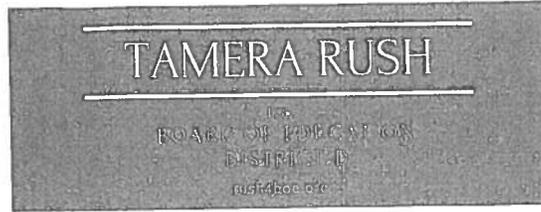
### Reason for Waiver

Thought the candidate needed to approve report before filing and did not realize they did not complete the filing.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision



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From: Cheryl Adams | Friends of Tamera Rush, Treasurer | 2025 Colgate Cir | Forest Hill| MD | 21050  
To: Maryland Campaign Finance | 151 West St, Suite 200 | Annapolis | MD | 21401

To Whom It May Concern:

Per your email dated July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, our campaign has incurred a \$130 late fee for the 6/15/18 Pre Primary 2 Report. I am writing to request the fee be waived. I filed the affidavit in time but my candidate did not approve it in time. Tamera thought she had approved it and the filing was complete. We did not realize the process was not complete until we received the notice about the late fee. Since this is the first time either of us has been involved in a campaign we hope you will see that an honest attempt was indeed made prior to the cut-off date.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me at 443-807-8300 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Adams".

Cheryl Adams

Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Sierra Club Political Committee - Maryland Chapter PAC	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	03008048	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	8/09/90	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/19/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Mike Pretl	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/09/12
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Liz Johnson	8/21/13
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		2/06/19	\$210	\$210	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 210	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/16/19	\$50	\$1,317	\$1,643	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Our treasurer Mike had a massive heart attack and died.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

February 7, 2019

Jared DeMarinis  
Candidacy and Campaign Finance Director  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I am the Chair of the Sierra Club Political Committee, Maryland Chapter PAC and am writing to explain our delinquency in submitting our January 16 report.

The last week of December 2018 I received a call that our PAC Treasurer, Mike Pretl, had had a massive heart attack and had died suddenly. At the time I was preparing for knee replacement surgery scheduled for January 4. My daughter was here for the entire month of January helping me prepare for and recover from the surgery. So my focus was on my recovery and not on our report. I also was not able to drive after my surgery so I couldn't drive 2.5 hours each way to pick up our records from Mike's house.

I just recently was able to give full focus to preparing the report - and submitted it on February 6. Unfortunately we are out of balance and I am trying to find out why but this will definitely take some time. I suspect there are entries in prior reports that will need to be changed.

Given these circumstances, I am asking you to absolve our PAC from the late fees currently being assessed.

I was told that there may be a form I have to fill out to request a waiver from the fees. I looked for such a form and didn't see it. So I hope this letter suffices.

I look forward to your reply.

Elizabeth Johnson  
Chair, Sierra Club Political Committee, Maryland Chapter PAC  
4413 Ridge St.  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
betsy\_johnson@comcast.net  
240-461-1402

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Sivigny, Donna Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011288	Status: Active
Date Established	1/15/16	
Date Waiver Requested	2/21/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	James Sivigny	Start Date: 1/15/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Donna Sivigny	1/15/16
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/23/19	\$	\$70	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$70	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This is an off cycle election and we hadn't done any campaigning or fund raising. I didn't realize a report was due so early.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

**From:** "Donna and Jay Sivigny" <[jsivigny@comcast.net](mailto:jsivigny@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** February 21, 2019 at 12:24:55 PM EST  
**To:** <[ebony.parran@maryland.gov](mailto:ebony.parran@maryland.gov)>  
**Subject:** Request for Waiver

Good Morning,

My name is James Sivigny and I am the Treasurer for my wife Donna Sivigny. She is an elected official for the Board of Education in Carroll County Maryland.

Attached is a copy of an invoice that I received for late fees related to not turning an affidavit by the required date.

The reason for the request for waiver is that this was an off-cycle election and we hadn't done any campaigning, fundraising or generated any expenses during the entire year of 2018.

I didn't realize that this was due quite so early and then I received a green postcard reminder letter indicating the due dates. Unfortunately, I hadn't received the reminder until after the due date and I immediately filed once I realized it was due and that I was late.

The mistake is clearly on me, however, I would respectfully like to ask for the waiver, as this is the first time I've ever been late with a report. We don't have much campaign resources available and this would be a pretty big expense to absorb.

Again, thank you for your consideration on this request.

Respectfully Yours,

James Sivigny  
Treasurer for Donna Sivigny CCF ID - 01011288

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Sorber, Nathan M. Friends to Elect	
CCF ID:	01012227	Status: Active
Date Established	01/12/2018	
Date Waiver Requested	11/15/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Erin Carol McHenry-Sorber	Start Date: 03/01/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nathan Masters Sorber	1/12/2018
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	09/04/2018		\$130.00	\$130.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
			Total	\$130.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Had trouble uploading the report.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

# Nathan M. Sorber

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1140 Cemetery Rd, PO Box 112, Friendsville, MD 21531 | 570-772-4868 | nasorber@mail.wvu.edu

## Date

Maryland State Board of Elections  
PO BOX 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

## Dear Maryland State Board of Elections:

Thank you for agreeing to consider my request to waive a fee of \$130.00 for the 2018 Pre-General 1 Report Filing for Friends to Elect Nathan M. Sorber campaign finance committee (CCF ID: 01012227). On the evening of August 28, 2018, I attempted to upload my Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for the 2018 Pre-General 1 Report Filing through the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System. At that time, I had trouble loading the system, and I tried again to upload the required report the following morning of August 29, 2018. At that time (and as you can see from the included document), I mistakenly uploaded my affidavit under the non-required 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General 2 Report. Once I realized this mistake on September 4, 2018, I immediately submitted the affidavit in the accurate place under the Pre-General 1 Report Filing.

Please consider waiving the fee of \$130.00 that I accrued due to the mistake I outlined above. I was in a non-partisan Board of Education campaign and received and spent no funds during this campaign, and thus did not intend to delay my filing for any reason.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and my sincere apologies that I made this error and took time away from your other important business.

Sincerely,



Nathan Sorber

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Therrien, Dave for Maryland	
CCF ID:	01012667	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	12/12/18	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Henry Ciezkowski	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tyrone Keys	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		11/14/18	\$250	\$250	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 250	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
10/26/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I was under the impression that since the candidate lost no other filing was necessary. After looking at the rules I see that I was wrong and am asking for a waiver.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

December 12, 2018

Henry Ciekowski  
Treasurer | Marylanders for Gary Collins  
3010 Delmar Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21219

Maryland State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Request to Waive Campaign Late Fees – Collins Team Baltimore Slate

Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance:

It has come to my attention that *Collins Team Baltimore Slate*, under CCF ID 02013034 received a “late filing” status in the most recent campaign finance reports. As a new treasurer for political campaigns, I always intend to follow the rules and regulations that are established; however, I clearly fell short on this account.

My limited understanding was that since this candidate, Gary M. Collins, won his office, further campaign finance filings were not required until the next election cycle. I also believed the same held true since Makelle Collins lost her office. After notices and further investigation, my initial understanding proved wrong.

I am asking for the Maryland Board of Elections to make a one-time exception and forgive the late fees associated with this account. The campaign intends to keep this account open. I intend to always file the appropriate reports, even if an *Affidavit of Limited Contributions* is the only requirement.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to positively hearing back shortly.

Sincerely,



Henry J. Ciekowski

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Wiles, Jade Citizens of District 19 for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011596	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	2/28/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/11/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Amen Tezera	<b>Start Date: 2/28/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Jade Wiles	2/28/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		12/03/18	\$130	\$130	
10/26/18		11/09/18	\$200	\$200	
					Waived:
					Reduced:
				\$330.00	OSP:

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/20/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

After the primary my treasurer and I submitted our filing with the understanding ever was filed in full.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$130.00

### Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Instructions: Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. \*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.

Campaign Account Name: Citizens of District 14 for Jude Wiles Account Number: 01011596 (entity number)

Date of Request: 2/8/2019 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 330

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Jude Wiles

The Requestor is the: [X] Chairman [ ] Treasurer [X] Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2018 Gubernatorial Post General \$130 2018 Gubernatorial Pre General \$200

The basis for the request: Thank you for your consideration.

I am requesting a waiver of late campaign fees due to unique reasoning. After the end of the primaries my treasurer and I submitted our filing with the understanding that everything was complete in full. Campaign accounts were closed as well. We received notification to re-file and did so accordingly. Due to being novices and having unavailability of records, our report was late. We are working tirelessly to resolve this matter and compelt to your graces for a waiver of fees. Respectfully

(Signature)

2/8/19 (Date)

For Board Use Only
Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Heard: \_\_\_\_\_
Verification: \_\_\_\_\_
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Asprilla, Robert Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012696	<b>Status: Inactive</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	02/27/2018	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	10/19/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	David Schmidt	<b>Start Date: 02/27/2018</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Robert Asprilla	02/27/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	10/19/2018		\$500.00	\$500.00	
			\$	\$	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$500.00	OSP- 6/15/18, 5/22/18, 4/17/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Post-General Report	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

First time running for office and did not get a full understanding about the political process

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Blount, Danny M. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012991	Status: Active
Date Established	5/19/18	
Date Waiver Requested	2/5/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Tonia Blount	Start Date: 5/19/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Danny Blount	5/19/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/25/19	\$90	\$90	
11/20/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		1/25/19	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 1090.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/196/19	\$0	\$0	\$1,062	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am the campaign treasurer for Danny Blount and Friends committee. I failed to complete the finance report for contributions and expenditures by the mandated completion date due to me being on work travel for the month of June with no access to the internet.

### Division Comments

Deny, all reports have not been filed

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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## Fwd: Waiving Danny Blount and Friends Committee late fee

1 message

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info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 8:30 AM

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From: **Tonia Blount** <toniamichell@yahoo.com>  
Date: Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 7:35 AM  
Subject: Waiving Danny Blount and Friends Committee late fee  
To: "info.sbe@maryland.gov" <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Good Morning,

My name is Tonia Blount, I am the campaign treasurer for Danny Blount and Friends committee. I failed to complete the finance report for contributions and expenditures by the mandated completion date due to me being on work travel for the month of June with no access to the internet. Please advise if the fees can be waived for late submission.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

V/r,

Tonia Blount

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Burton, Robert (Rob) Friends for	
CCF ID:	01012020	Status: Active
Date Established	11/07/2017	
Date Waiver Requested	11/09/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Michael Macleay	Start Date: 11/07/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Virginia Leigh Barnett	11/07/2018
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
8/28/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
1/16/19		N/A			Waived
					Reduced
				\$1,500.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary2 Report	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$3,138.52	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

First time reporting and did not know when to report certain expenses.

### Division Comments

Deny reports have not been filed.

### Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Burton, Robert (Rob) Friends of Account Number: 0101202

Date of Request: 11/9/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 700.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Michael Macleay

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 10/20/18 - \$200.00  
08/28/18 - \$500.00

The basis for the request: This was my first time doing being involved in the political process. I was very confused on to when to report certain expenses. I am very sorry for the lateness.

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Michael Macleay  
(Signature)

11/09/18  
(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Gannon, (Holton) Joe Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012759	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	1/15/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Monica Matthews	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joe Gannon	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		1/15/19	\$500	\$500	
11/20/18		1/15/19	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 1000.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/20/18	\$0	\$0	\$885	\$1068
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Account was closed

### Division Comments

Deny committee has an ending balance of \$885 you can't close account with surplus funds.

### Administrator's Decision

# State of Maryland



## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: friends of Joe Garrow Account Number: 01012759

Date of Request: 1/15/19 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,000

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Joe Garrow

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The basis for the request: \_\_\_\_\_

Account was closed

-0- Balance on July 5, 1918

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(Signature)

Joe Garrow

(Date)

1/15/19

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Gedamu, (Yodit) Mimi for Maryland, Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012450	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/21/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	3/1/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Susan Warthen	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/21/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Yodit Gedamu	2/21/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
1/16/19		N/A	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$1000	OSP- 10/26/18, 8/28/18, 6/15/18, 5/22/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Not Filed	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I am writing from Ethiopia and have not had internet access for some time. I started working on a medical mission in Africa shortly after the campaign ended.

### Division Comments

Deny, committee has not filed any reports from 5/22/18- 1/16/19

### Administrator's Decision

From: **Mimi Gedamu** <[gedamu.mimi@gmail.com](mailto:gedamu.mimi@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 3:02 PM  
Subject: Re: Notice to Show Cause for the report due 11/20/18  
To: <[info.sbe@maryland.gov](mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov)>

Hello! I hope this email finds you well. I am writing from overseas (Ethiopia) and have not had access to the internet for quite some time. I started working on a medical mission in Africa shortly after the campaign ended. I can provide necessary evidence if needed. I will be returning to the United States next week. May I followup with you then on what needs to be completed?

Regards,  
Mimi Gedamu

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Gibbs, Makeba Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01012763	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	2/27/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Bridgette Cunnigham	Start Date: 1/17/19
Responsible Treasurer	Kelly Vaughn	
Current Chairman	Bridgette Cunnigham	4/14/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		1/21/19	\$50	\$50	
11/20/18		1/21/19	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		1/21/19	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 1050	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This is my first first time running, my treasurer resigned without filing the final report.

### Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- &lt;victorica.smith@maryland.gov&gt;

**Fwd: Request for Waiver of Late Fees**

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info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 2:21 PM

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From: **Makeba Gibbs** <electmakebagibbs@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 1:40 PM  
Subject: Request for Waiver of Late Fees  
To: <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Dear Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance,

I am requesting that the late fees be waived. This was my first time running for office. After the primary, I met with my treasurer and we discussed her filing the final report. The other reports were merely affidavits because all campaign activities had ceased. She is a real estate professional and was busy with her business and she did file to resign but did so before finalizing said report. We both accept responsibility and acknowledge the oversight.

My life changed drastically as well, on October 27, 2018 I became a foster mother to a 11 week old baby boy who remains in my care. That added responsibility along with my busy practice caused the oversight on my part. Furthermore, tragically my business partner, Wilmer Ticer died one week before Christmas. I have had to take over the operations of the office. This has been a time consuming endeavor.

As soon as I received the letter that the reports were not filed, I met with the new treasurer asap and filed them. I am unable financially to pay the total amount of the fees. The fees total about one third (1/3) of the total amount that was raised during the campaign.

Please consider my plea to have the fees waived. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Makeba Gibbs

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Lang, Bradley Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012971	Status: Inactive
Date Established	05/10/2018	
Date Waiver Requested	01/07/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Tamara Lang	Start Date: 05/10/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Bradley Lang	05/10/2018
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/2018	Y	12/17/18	\$270.00	\$270.00	
10/26/2018	Y	12/17/18	\$500.00	\$500.00	
8/28/2018	Y	8/29/2018	\$20.00	\$20.00	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 790.00	OSP

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

Thought the committee had already been closed but there was a miscommunication with the treasurer Tamara Lang.

### Division Comments

Deny Committee has a history of non-compliance

### Administrator's Decision

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Attention: Campaign Finance  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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To Whom it May Concern,

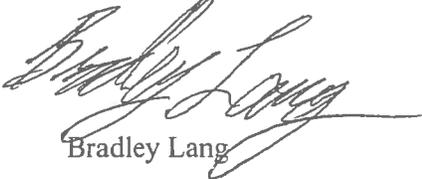
My name is Bradley Lang and I recently closed my Campaign Committee that was registered with MD CRIS, Friends of Bradley Lang. I thought that my Committee had already been closed but there was some miscommunication with my treasurer Tamara Lang. During this time that the account was not closed we had not turned in the Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures. We accumulated \$790 in late fees.

I spoke on the phone with someone from the State Board of Elections about closing the account and what to do about these late fees. She informed me that I should write a letter to the Board to have the fees waived.

This was my first run for political office and therefore my first campaign committee. My committee was for a race for Central Committee, a small race that does not require much fundraising or spending. The late fees that were accumulated are several times more than what I ever raised. I am a college student and I do not know how I will be able to pay for these fees. I ask you to please consider waiving the late fees applied to the Friends of Bradley Lang campaign committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

  
Bradley Lang

  
Tamara Lang

Friends of Bradley Lang  
4831 Vicky Road  
Nottingham, MD 21236  
443-845-1435

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Shelton, David Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012378	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	02/15/2018	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	11/15/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Danielle Geneva M Shelton	<b>Start Date:</b> 02/15/2018
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	David Eros Shelton	02/15/2018
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
11/20/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
8/28/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
			Total	\$1,500.00	OSP-5/22/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

After losing the primary the committee thought the filing was over

### Division Comments

Deny, reports have not been filed.

### Administrator's Decision

# Friends of David Shelton

November 13, 2018

State Board of Elections

PO Box 6486

Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Request for Waivers**

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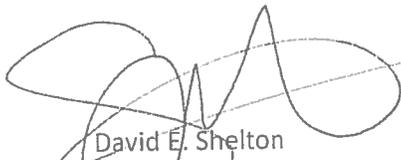
To whom it may concern:

Since our campaign lost on the June 26 date we did not know that we had to still do any financial reporting. Our campaign raised no money and spent no money. We were not able to open a bank account.

We are asking for waivers for the fines that have been incurred as we close out all internet reports as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully



David E. Shelton  
Candidate

11010 Mission Hills Drive, Bowie, Maryland 20721

301.219.8663

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Proctor, Orlando for Delegate	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01013002	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	5/24/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	3/8/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Doris Proctor	<b>Start Date: 5/24/18</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Orlando Proctor	5/24/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waivers and Fees
11/20/18		11/21/18	\$10	\$10	
					Waived:
					Reduced:
				\$ 10	Referred to OSP: \$500/ 10/26/18 report

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/20/18	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I did'nt raise or spend money during my campaign.

### Division Comments

Deny, committee has not filed all reports. 10/26/18 report has not been filed.

### Administrator's Decision

# State of Maryland



## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Orlando Proctor for Debra Account Number: 01013002

Date of Request: 3/8/19 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 510

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Orlando Proctor

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The basis for the request: I didn't raise or spend money during my campaign. My goal was to get money out of ~~the~~ elections.

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(Signature)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Skarlupka, Carmen Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011760	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	06/21/2018	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	09/24/2018	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Jonathan Michael Prouty	<b>Start Date:</b> 06/21/2017
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Carmen Marie Skarlupka	06/21/2017
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
8/28/18	Y	9/24/18	\$330.00	\$330.00	
6/15/18	Y	9/24/18	\$500.00	\$500.00	
					Waived
					Reduced
			Total	\$830.00	OSP-5/22/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

First time running for office and did not get a full understanding about the political process

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

10/1/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - Fwd: Waiver of Campaign Finance Late Fees



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

## Fwd: Waiver of Campaign Finance Late Fees

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Mon, Sep 24, 2018 at 12:51 PM

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From: **Carmen Skarlupka** <carmen.skarlupka@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Sep 24, 2018 at 12:39 PM  
Subject: Waiver of Campaign Finance Late Fees  
To: Linda Lamone <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Dear Ms. Lamone,

I am writing to beg your forgiveness and ask that you consider waiving the outstanding campaign finance late fees associate with the closing out of the Friends of Carmen Skarlupka, Campaign ID: 01011760, on behalf of myself, the candidate and Chairperson, and the Treasurer, my son Jonathan Prouty.

To date, I have paid SBE \$300 in Campaign Finance Late Fees. There remains an additional \$1,323 in outstanding late fees, as of today, September 24, 2018.

The campaign never opened a bank account.  
The campaign never received any cash contributions, \$0.  
The campaign never accepted any cash contributions, \$0.

This campaign effectively ended on April 14, 2018 with the untimely death of my daughter, Samantha Prouty. Samantha was a 100% disabled and dependent adult child. She suffered from a traumatic brain injuring after being hit by a car, requiring full-time care and was in the custody of myself and her younger brother, Jonathan, on the day she died unexpectedly and tragically from a drug overdose.

I, and Jonathan, deeply regret not filing the necessary campaign finance closeout forms, until today. Please know that everything associated with the campaign is closed and nothing remains, no website, email address, even the Post Office Box, everything is closed out and has been for months.

There was never any intent to injure the Maryland Board of Elections or circumvent campaign reporting requirements. Just a grief stricken family, in mourning dealing with an unspeakable loss

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

With gratitude,  
Carmen Skarlupka  
Chair  
Friends of Carmen Skarlupka  
CCF ID: 01011760  
5608 Bimini Court  
Churchton, MD 20733  
443-360-1580

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Slocum, Albert Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012865	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/23/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/15/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Joe Goosby	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/23/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Albert Socum	2/23/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		2/15/19	\$300	\$300	
11/20/18		2/15/19	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		2/15/19	\$500	\$500	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$1300	OSP-10/26/18, 8/28/18, 6/15/18, 5/22/18, 4/17/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The delay was in part to a learning curve as well as a lack of understanding the process.

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland



Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Slocum, Albert Account Number: 01012805

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount of late fees: \$ Citizens for #1,300.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer **FEB 15 2019** Date

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): **STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

The basis for the request: To whom it may concern, The basis of my waiver of late fee request is as follows: My campaign had a treasurer that was inexperienced and had no prior training or knowledge of filing; handling reports; Attempts were made to file timely reports, but challenges such as understanding the system or login system was confusing for my treasurer - according to my treasurer; I have estimated that the filings were completed and made numerous attempts to contact my treasurer; My campaign did not meet the fundraising amount or expenditure of \$1,000.00 throughout the primary; and that my campaign ended on a  
(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) 2/15/19

*Albert Slocum*

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Verification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bd. Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

*Account June 28, 2018. This was a lesson learned; can assist as a courtesy to grant my request. Thank you.*

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Trout, Ryan Friends of	
CCF ID:	01005399	Status: Active
Date Established	10/30/09	
Date Waiver Requested	2/11/19	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Gary Smith	Start Date: 10/30/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ryan Trout	10/30/09
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
1/16/19		N/A	\$270	\$270	
11/20/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
10/26/18		N/A	\$500	\$500	
8/28/18		N/A	Paid	Paid	Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 1270.00	OSP- 8/28/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
5/22/18	\$1,635	\$2,298	\$-573	\$1000
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I had a heart attack in December of 2018 which has put me behind.

### Division Comments

Deny, per OSP policy that reports must be filed prior to requesting a waiver.

### Administrator's Decision

MEMBER { MACPA

GARY W. SMITH  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
9312 WOODSBORO PIKE  
WALKERSVILLE, MARYLAND 21793

(301) 898-1632  
FAX: (301) 898-1633

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

State Board Of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

To Whom It May Concern:

I am working on getting the 2019 annual report complete and filed. I had a heart attack on December 23, 2018 and needed a stent put into my heart. I was in hospital for 4 days.

The heart attack has put me behind. I hope to have the report complete and filed by February 13, 2019.

I have attached a check for fine for prior report being filed late. Your patience is greatly appreciated in this situation.

Sincerely,

  
Gary W. Smith  
Treasurer Friends of Ryan Trout

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Turner, Ryan Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011646	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	4/04/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	2/11/19	
<b>Account Type</b>	Candidate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Alisha Sparks	<b>Start Date: 4/04/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Ryan Turner	0/04/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		12/31/18	\$500	\$500	
11/20/18		12/31/18	\$410	\$410	
					Waived
					Reduced
				\$ 910.00	OSP-8/28/18, 6/15/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I incorrectly interrupted the letters I received.

### Division Comments

Deny, still missing the 8/28/18 report. All reports must be filed prior to requesting a waiver.

### Administrator's Decision

# ALISHA N. SPARKS

February 6, 2019

Maryland State Board of Elections  
PO BOX 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear State Board of Elections:

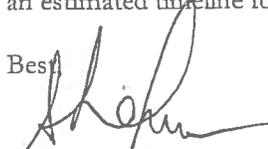
I am the treasurer for Friends of Ryan Turner (CCF ID: 01011646). I am writing to request a waiver of late fees for the following three campaign finance reports:

- 2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial (\$500)
- 2018 Pre-General2 Report Gubernatorial (\$500)
- 2018 Post-General Gubernatorial (\$410)

As a first time treasurer, I incorrectly interrupted the letters that I received and thought we were only missing one report. I have filed the Post-General Gubernatorial report and need to amend our Pre-General1 and Pre-General2 Reports.

If you have questions or concerns, I can be reached by phone at 678.438.4999. Please confirm receipt of this letter and provide an estimated timeline for a determination of my request.

Best,



Alisha Sparks  
Treasurer  
Friends of Ryan Turner

XC: Ryan Turner, Chairperson

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Williams, Lawrence Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012226	Status: Inactive
Date Established	01/23/2018	
Date Waiver Requested	11/1/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Rhonda Lynn McLean	Start Date: 01/23/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Stefan A. Walker	01/23/2018
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees	Prior Waiver and fees
10/26/18		11/01/2018	\$120.00	\$120.00	
			\$		
					Waived/\$470.00
					Reduced
			Total	\$120.00	OSP-6/15/18, 5/22/18

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	\$0.00	\$65.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I didn't think I had to file anymore reports as the candidate lost the election.

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

11/1/2018.

Maryland.gov Mail - Fwd: Wavier of fee



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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**Fwd: Wavier of fee**

1 message

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**Ebony Parran -SBE-** <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>  
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Thu, Nov 1, 2018 at 10:52 AM

Waiver Request

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rhonda Mclean** <loveshoes46@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thu, Nov 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM  
Subject: Wavier of fee  
To: Ebony.parran@maryland.gov <Ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Hello,

This is Rhonda Mclean

I'm writing to request a fee waived in the amount of \$120.00.

I received a letter stating I haven't filed for the 10/26/2018 report. I didn't think I had to file anymore reports due to Mr. Lawrence Williams losing the election. I thought I was finish reporting.

I contact a representative today and I was informed that I need to report 10/262018 and anything after.

Due to my lack of Knowledge, can I please have the late fee waived?

Thank You

Sincerely  
Rhonda Mclean

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Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

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Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486

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Deputy Administrator

Memorandum

**TO:** State Board Members  
**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
**SUBJECT:** Administrative Closure of Campaign Accounts  
**DATE:** March 28, 2019

Pursuant to §13-313 of the Election Law Article, the State Board has the authority to administratively close a political committee upon determination that good cause exists and when other criteria are met:

1. The campaign finance entity could be terminated under §13-309 (b) (4) of this subtitle except for the existence of one or more outstanding obligations and each of those obligations is more than 5 years old;
2. No responsible officer currently is appointed and serving; or
3. Other extenuating circumstances exist to justify terminating the campaign finance entity.

(b.) The termination of a campaign finance entity under this section does not limit the right of:

- (1) The State Board, or the State Prosecutor or the State's Attorney, to pursue an enforcement action against the former responsible officers of, or any candidate formerly affiliated with, the campaign finance entity; or
- (2) A creditor to bring an action against the former responsible officers of, or any candidate affiliated with, the campaign finance entity

Attached are forms, which have been prepared for the Board's review of accounts that meet the requirements for administrative closure.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-269-2853.

**REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT**

<b>Account Name</b>	Crawford, Tim For Sheriff
<b>Account Number</b>	01005347
<b>Account Established Date</b>	9/28/09
<b>Last Filed Report</b>	8/28/18
<b>Outstanding Debts/Loans</b>	\$0
<b>Cash Balance</b>	\$0
<b>Bank Balance</b>	\$0
<b>Outstanding Late Fees *</b>	\$0
<b>List name and address of last know officers:</b>	
<b>Candidate:</b> <b>John Crawford</b> <b>3947 Light Arms Pl</b> <b>Waldorf, MD 20602</b>	<b>Chairman:</b> <b>Henry Romero</b> <b>14135 Beverly Drive</b> <b>Hughesville, MD 20637</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> <b>Tracey Crawford</b> <b>11655 Bachelors Hope Ct.</b> <b>Issue, MD 20645</b>	
<b>Briefly describe why this account should be closed:</b>	
<p>This committee should be closed due to the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The OSP made multiple attempts to locate and contact the Chairperson and the Treasurer, but they were unresponsive and continuously avoided service.</li> <li>2. The candidate moved to a different state, Florida.</li> </ol> <p>OSP letter dated 02/28/2019 attached for reference.</p>	
<b>FOR BOARD USE ONLY</b>	
<b>SBE RECOMMENDATION:</b>	
<b>BOARD DECISION:</b>	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	

\*If additional space is required, attach a breakdown of outstanding late fees, include report due dates and outstanding late fees.

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February 28, 2019

Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Tim Crawford for Sheriff, CCF ID: 01005347

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced campaign committee was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the failure to timely and accurately file campaign finance reports and for the failure to pay the associated late fees. Based on our review of the file and after conducting an investigation, we will exercise prosecutorial discretion and will not be pursuing the alleged violations for the 2018 Annual and 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary 2 campaign finance reports. Further, this Office has made numerous attempts to effectuate service upon the Chairperson and Treasurer which have been unsuccessful and the Candidate, John Crawford, has relocated out of the State to Florida.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Stephanie Krulevitz*

Stephanie A. Krulevitz  
Assistant State Prosecutor



# Maryland State Board of Elections

Name of Entity : Crawford, Tim For Sheriff  
Filing Period Name : 08/21/2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial

Entity Number : 01005347  
Report Due Date : 08/28/2018

## Campaign Finance Report Summary Sheet

### Part 1

Transaction Period → This Report covers transactions beginning 08/20/2014 and ending 08/21/2018  
Date Date

- Final Report (Check if you intend to close the account. This cannot be a final report if a cash balance or outstanding obligation remains)
- Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (Date amendment is being filed \_\_\_\_\_ .)

### Part 2

#### Electoral

Bank Account Name	Bank Account Number	Bank Account Balance*
Branch Banking & Trust Co.	0005156713637	\$0.00
<b>*As of the report transaction ending date.</b>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

### Part 3

#### Receipts

Contributions – Schd 1, Col A	\$0.00
Ticket Purchases – Schd 1, Col B	\$0.00
Federal Committees – Schd 1, Col C	\$0.00
Political Clubs – Schd 1, Col D	\$0.00
MD Candidate and Slate Accounts – Schd 1A, Col E	\$0.00
MD Party Central Committees – Schd 1A, Col F	\$0.00
MD Political Action Committees – Schd 1A, Col G	\$0.00
Non-Federal Out-of-State Committees – Schd 1A, Col H	\$0.00
Other – Schd 1B, Col I	\$0.00
Loans – Schd 3, Col K	\$0.00

Enter Total in Part 4 (Total Receipts)

#### Expenditures

Salaries & Other Compensation – Schd 2, Col N	\$0.00
Rent & Other Office Expenses – Schd 2, Col O	\$0.00
Field Expenses – Schd 2, Col P	\$0.00
Media – Schd 2, Col Q	\$0.00
Printing & Campaign Materials – Schd 2, Col R	\$0.00
Direct Mailing by Mail House – Schd 2, Col S	\$0.00
Postage – Schd 2, Col T	\$0.00
Purchase of Equipment – Schd 2, Col U	\$0.00
Fundraising Expenses – Schd 2, Col V	\$0.00
Transfers Out – Schd 2, Col W	\$0.00
Loan Repayment – Schd 2, Col X	\$403.66
Other – Schd 2, Col Y	\$0.00
Returned Contribution – Schd 2, Col Z	\$0.00

Enter Total in Part 4 (Total Expenditures)

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# Maryland State Board of Elections

Name of Entity : Crawford, Tim For Sheriff  
Filing Period Name : 08/21/2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial

Entity Number : 01005347  
Report Due Date : 08/28/2018

## Part 4

Prior Balance	\$403.66	Report calculated cash balance from Part 4 of your prior report.
	+	
Total Receipts	\$0.00	Total of Part 3 Receipts
	-	
Total Expenditures	\$403.66	Total of Part 3 Expenditures
	=	
Cash Balance	\$0.00	This is your report calculated cash balance. Carry forward this balance to your next report.

## Part 5

Value of In-Kind Contributions – Schd 1B, Col J	\$2,214.11
Value of In-Kind Expenditures – Schd 2, Col AA	\$0.00

## Part 6

Outstanding Loan Balance – Schd 3, Col L	\$0.00
Outstanding Bills Due – Schd 3, Col M	\$0.00
Total Outstanding Obligations	\$0.00

## Part 7

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that we have examined this report, including the accompanying schedules, and to the best of our knowledge and belief they are complete and accurate.

SEARS CRAWFORD, TRACEY MICHELLE (Date) 08/08/2018  
Signature of Treasurer

(Date) 08/08/2018  
Signature of Chairman

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# Maryland State Board of Elections

Name of Entity : Crawford, Tim For Sheriff  
Filing Period Name : 08/21/2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial

Entity Number : 01005347  
Report Due Date : 08/28/2018

## SCHEDULE - 1B

### Other Receipts and In-Kind Contributions

#### J - In-Kind Contribution - Fair Market Value of In-Kind Contribution Received. (Describe in Remarks)

(see schedules 1A and 1B for other types of Income)

Date Received	Complete Name and Address of Payer	Special Account	Aggregate to Date	Amount
	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Occupation</b>		
12/01/2017	Crawford, John T 11655 Bachelors Hope Ct, Swan Point, Maryland 20645		\$1,627.80	\$1,627.80
	Remarks:			
12/01/2017	Crawford, John Timothy P.O. Box 1321, La Plata, Maryland 20646-1321		\$586.31	\$586.31
	Remarks:			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,214.11</b>

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# Maryland State Board of Elections

Name of Entity : Crawford, Tim For Sheriff  
Filing Period Name : 08/21/2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial

Entity Number : 01005347  
Report Due Date : 08/28/2018

## SCHEDULE - 2

### Expenditures X - Loan Repayment

(see schedules 1A and 1B for other types of Income)

Date	Payment Method	Name and Address of Payee (The payee is the person who is the ultimate recipient of campaign funds)	Reimburse or In-Kind contribution recipient of the expenditure made	Special Account	Amount
12/01/2017	Check	Crawford, John Timothy P.O. Box 1321, La Plata, Maryland 20646-1321			\$403.66
<b>Expenditure Purpose:</b>					
	<b>Remarks:</b>				
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$403.66</b>

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# Maryland State Board of Elections

Name of Entity : Crawford, Tim For Sheriff  
Filing Period Name : 08/21/2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial

Entity Number : 01005347  
Report Due Date : 08/28/2018

## Amendments Summary

Report No	Filed date	Report Type	Filer
1	08/08/2018	Original	SEARS CRAWFORD TRACEY MICHELLE

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**REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT**

<b>Account Name</b>	Vilus, Darren Friends of
<b>Account Number</b>	01011853
<b>Account Established Date</b>	8/14/17
<b>Last Filed Report</b>	No reports filed
<b>Outstanding Debts/Loans</b>	N/A
<b>Cash Balance</b>	N/A
<b>Bank Balance</b>	N/A
<b>Outstanding Late Fees *</b>	\$3,500.00
<b>List name and address of last know officers:</b>	
<b>Candidate:</b> Darren Vilus 5809 Calico Ct. Columbia, MD 21044	<b>Chairman:</b> Darren Vilus 5809 Calico Ct. Columbia, MD 21044
<b>Treasurer:</b> Seth Johnson 6314 Croom Station Rd. Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	
<b>Briefly describe why this account should be closed:</b>	
<p>This committee should be closed due to the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The OSP made multiple attempts to locate and contact the Chairperson and the Treasurer, but they were unresponsive and continuously avoided service.</li> <li>2. The candidate moved to a different state.</li> </ol> <p>OSP letter dated 03/04/2019 attached for reference.</p>	
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<b>BOARD DECISION:</b>	
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	

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March 4, 2019

Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Friends of Darren Vilus, CCF ID: 01011853

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced campaign committee was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the failure to timely and accurately file campaign finance reports and for the failure to pay the associated late fees. Based on our review of the file and after conducting an investigation, we will exercise prosecutorial discretion and will not be pursuing the alleged violations for the 2018 Annual, 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary 1, 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary 2, and 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General 1 campaign finance reports. Further, this Office has made numerous attempts to effectuate service upon the Chairperson and/or Treasurer which have been unsuccessful as the candidate has relocated out of state.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Stephannie Krulevitz*

Stephannie Krulevitz  
Assistant State Prosecutor



View / Edit Candidate Committee Registration

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Committee Information

Committee Name\* Vilus, Darren Friends of (Must include candidate's last name)

CCF ID: 01011853

ELECTrack C#: Status: Active

Established Date: 08/14/2017

End Date: [Redacted]

Election Participation

Election Type\* -- Select Election --

Election Year\* --Select Election Year--

Participation Frequency\* --Select--

Office Sought Information (Optional)

Office Type --Select Office Type--

Office Sought --Select Office--

Jurisdiction --Select Jurisdiction--

Party Affiliation -- Select Party --

Save Election Cancel

Election Type	Office Type	Office Sought	Jurisdiction	Party Affiliation	Election Year	Participation Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Action
Gubernatorial	County Office	County Executive	Howard	Republican	2018	Recurring	08/14/2017		

Committee Name Amended Information

Committee Name	Updated By	Updated Date
Vilus, Darren Friends of	Perkins Jessica	08/14/2017
Vilus Darren Friends of		08/14/2017

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Candidate Information

Name	Date of Birth	Email	Mailing Address	Public Phone	Edit
DARREN VILUS	07/05/1987	darrenvilus@yahoo.com	5809 Calico Court, Columbia, MD, 21044	410-260-3976	

Chairperson Information  Same as Candidate

Name	Date of Birth	Email	Mailing Address	Public Phone	Start Date	End Date	Actions
DARREN VILUS	07/05/1987	darrenvilus@yahoo.com	5809 Calico Court, Columbia, MD, 21044	410-260-3976	08/14/2017		

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Treasurer Information

Name	Date of Birth	Email	Mailing Address	Public Phone	Start Date	End Date	Actions
SETH ALEXANDER JOHNSON	06/12/1991	sethjohnson91@gmail.com	6314 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772	000-000-0000	08/14/2017		

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Additional Contacts (Optional)

Add New Contact

Role	Name	Mailing Address	Public Phone	Contact Phone	Email	Start Date	End Date	Receive Notices	For Public	Actions

Role	Name	Mailing Address	Public Phone	Contact Phone	Email	Start Date	End Date	Receive Notices	For Public	Actions
No records to view.										

Slate Information

Slate Name	Slate Chairperson	Submitted Date	Candidate Verified	End Date	Delete
No records to view.					

Depository Information

Add New Depository

Name of Financial Institution	Address	Account Type	Account Number	Start Date	End Date	Actions
No records to view.						

Documents / Correspondence

Add Correspondence   Add Document

Document Date	Document Type	Document Description	Added By	Actions
03/01/2019	<a href="#">ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-General2 Report Gubernatorial)</a>	ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-General2 Report Gubernatorial)	Smith Victorica	
02/27/2019	<a href="#">Show Cause Letter_2(2018 POST-GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Show Cause Letter_2(2018 POST-GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
01/23/2019	<a href="#">Fee Report Notice(2019 ANNUAL)</a>	Fee Report Notice(2019 ANNUAL)	Molina Vicki	
01/16/2019	<a href="#">ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial)</a>	ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-General1 Report Gubernatorial)	Smith Victorica	
01/09/2019	<a href="#">Show Cause Letter_2(2018 PRE-GENERAL2 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Show Cause Letter_2(2018 PRE-GENERAL2 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
12/31/2018	<a href="#">Pre Report Notice(2019 ANNUAL)</a>	Pre Report Notice(2019 ANNUAL)	Molina Vicki	
11/26/2018	<a href="#">Fee Report Notice(2018 POST-GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Fee Report Notice(2018 POST-GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
11/07/2018	<a href="#">Show Cause Letter_2(2018 PRE-GENERAL1 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Show Cause Letter_2(2018 PRE-GENERAL1 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
11/02/2018	<a href="#">Fee Report Notice(2018 PRE-GENERAL2 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Fee Report Notice(2018 PRE-GENERAL2 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
10/31/2018	<a href="#">Pre Report Notice(2018 POST-GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Pre Report Notice(2018 POST-GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
10/22/2018	<a href="#">ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial)</a>	ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial)	Smith Victorica	
10/09/2018	<a href="#">Pre-Report Notice - (2018 PRE-GENERAL2 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Pre-Report Notice - (2018 PRE-GENERAL2 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)	Molina Vicki	
09/24/2018	<a href="#">ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-Primary1 Gubernatorial)</a>	ReferrallInfo_01011853(2018 Pre-Primary1 Gubernatorial)	Smith Victorica	
09/19/2018	<a href="#">return mail</a>	return mail 08/28 PRN for candidate	Dyson Talaya	
09/04/2018	<a href="#">Fee Report Notice(2018 PRE-GENERAL1 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL)</a>	Fee Report Notice	Molina Vicki	

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Filing Information

Election Cycle	Filing Period Name	Filing Method	Report Due Date	Original Filed Date	Amendment Filed Date	UploadedBy
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Citation Violation Information

Violation Status	Violation Date	Violation Amount	Waived Amount	Outstanding Balance	Violation
No records to view.					

Violation Status	Violation Date	Violation Amount	Waived Amount	Outstanding Balance	Violation
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SBE Audit Filing Information

Election Cycle	Filing Period Name	Filing Method	Report Due Date	SBE Amendment Filed Date	Amended Filed Reports	UploadedBy
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Violations

Filing Period Name	Report Due Date	Filed Date	Violation Status	Violation Date	Violation Amount	Waived Amount	Outstanding Balance	Violation
2019 Annual	01/16/2019		Open	01/17/2019	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file
2018 Gubernatorial Post-General	11/20/2018		Open	11/21/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	10/26/2018		Referred to OSP	10/27/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General1 Report	08/28/2018		Referred to OSP	08/29/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary2	06/15/2018		Referred to QSP	06/16/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary1	05/22/2018		Referred to OSP	05/23/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file
2018 Annual	01/17/2018		Referred to OSP	01/18/2018	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Failure to file

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# Maryland Association of Election Officials

## Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

March 28, 2019

Re: MAEO Personnel Committee Request

The list below includes the most significant changes and developments that have expanded the duties and responsibilities of the local board of elections' employees. The job specifications in the statewide Election Program Series have been revised to include the following:

- US Department of Homeland Security: Critical Infrastructure Designation
  - Cyber security procedures and directives require implementing new procedures and maintaining a whole new body of knowledge. Physical and cyber security concerns have demanded more time and knowledge than ever before.
  - More specialized training for staff to manage security threats and analysis
  - More sophisticated risk management, assessments and computer security audits
  - PII Management Changes
- Voting Machine Changes: Automatic Voter Machine/Mechanical Lever - Optec Eagle - DRE (touchscreen) - Voter Verifiable Paper & paper precinct registers - electronic pollbooks
- Implementation of Provisional Voting
- Implementation of Statewide Voter Registration System that continues to evolve & Voting System
  - OLVR/AOC/DHMH/Jury Commissioner Lists
  - ERIC, address card verification, NVRA specimen ballot processing
- Universal Statewide Registration and Election Day Registration
- Implementation of HAVA
- Early Voting & Same Day Registration, extension of early voting hours
  - 18 Election Days per Election (Primary/General & 16 Early Voting days)
- Monthly Critical Data Audits & Post-Election Audits
  - Automated and manual audits
- No fault absentee requests, absentee online voter registration, UOCAVA Administration, nursing home absentee program, email absentee program
- More election judges and trainings
  - Tax form requirements to manage early voting payroll
  - Advanced technology in voting systems, VPN network administration, processes and equipment
- Voter Outreach @events, high schools and prison facilities
- GIS Street File Management & Redistricting with GIS map resources
- Locating and managing more polling places and early voting sites
- More sophisticated/specialized training programs and drafting/editing training manuals for Election Day, Early Voting, Same Day Registration and Election Day Registration
- Larger and longer canvasses due to increased AB/Prov turnout and email ballot duplication



# Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

March 5, 2019

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Dear Mr. McManus and State Board Members,

Since January 2017, various Maryland election officials have contributed to conducting a review of the local board of election (LBE) series job classifications. The MAEO Personnel Committee has reached the final phase of this project which is to provide the State Board with a proposal and explanation for making alterations to current and future local election employees. This project began because most of the election classification descriptions hadn't been updated since 2003. Updates were as follows:

*Election Supervisor II – 5/15/03*

*Election Data App Specialist I - II – 9/1/14*

*Election Supervisor I – 5/15/03*

*Election Clerk Lead Advanced – 5/15/03*

*Election Info Sys Spec – Est 2/5/04 & Rev 9/1/14*

*Election Director I – III – 5/15/03*

*Election Clerk I – III – 5/15/03*

*Election Deputy Director I – III – 5/15/03*

Local Board of Election offices, like the State Board of Elections, have difficulty finding qualified individuals that are willing to work at the current pay rates in the current class specifications because they do not reflect the current job duties and responsibilities. There continues to be a greater and greater administrative shortfall when it comes to having enough institutional knowledge within an LBE because staff are no longer staying in positions, because of the low wages and lack of institutional growth. As we consider incoming generations to the workforce, we need to be aware that people look for a type of career growth ladder and a sense of purpose that allows for them to make a livable income.

Our current election series does not provide for any career growth nor does it provide a livable income, especially considering the job requirements, employee skill sets, and the hour requirements. There are currently staff members who do not make the State's proposed \$15/hour minimum wage. The new election series includes opportunities for various promotions within a job category and the ability to be compensated accordingly when promoted.

The Committee conducted a comparison of job descriptions and salary grades between existing state positions in other state agencies and the job descriptions and proposed salary grades for the new Election Series. The Committee then asked all Election Directors to provide input for where he/she would place his/her employees in the new series. Election Directors were asked to consider each of his/her employee's years of service and job responsibilities. Election Directors may have also considered such things as cost-of-living in Maryland. Based on the comparison of the salaries for existing state positions and the feedback of the Election Directors, the Committee calculated an average overall salary increase, implemented over two fiscal years.

At this time, the Committee is asking for the State Board of Elections to approve removal of the outdated election series classifications and to place all current and future employees into the new election series. We request the State Board to approve a 17% overall increase to existing employee salaries in the election series, with an increment of 9% in FY20 and 8% in FY21. Funds for this request have been included in the FY20 budget request of each local Board of Elections.

In addition to the local board of election job descriptions, with the assistance of the State Board Human Resources Department, MAEO is compiling a proposal for similar changes to the State Board of Elections staff. In order to accomplish this task, legislation must be introduced to remove the State Board employees from being under the "DBM system" and to place them in the election series with different job classifications than LBE employees. This would give the State Board the ability to have a career growth ladder and for their salaries to be competitive to other states and agencies within this state. All election employees in Maryland work collaboratively and the MAEO Personnel Committee feels it prudent to recognize the work of everyone no matter if they work at SBE or an LBE.

The MAEO Personnel Committee would like to make a brief presentation to go into more detail of the overall LBE proposal at the upcoming State Board meeting. At that time, you will have the opportunity to ask questions to the committee, but if you would like to discuss something before the Board meeting, I would be happy to meet with each of you one-on-one or however you propose.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal.

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**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing**  
**Chapter 01 Definitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-218(b), 13-245 and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. [text unchanged]

B. Terms Defined.

(1) - (5) [text unchanged]

(6) "Donation" means the gift or transfer, or promise of gift or transfer, of money or other thing of value to:

(a) An administrative account of the central committee or legislative party caucus committee;

(b) A person who makes independent expenditures; [or]

(c) A person who makes electioneering communications[.], or

(d) *A compliance account of a political action committee.*

(7)- (17) [text unchanged]

**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing**  
**Chapter 07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-401, 13-404, 13-245 and Title 13, Subtitle 4, Part I, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions.**

A. [text unchanged]

B. Terms Defined.

(1) – (4) [text unchanged].

(5) “Distribution” means the act or instance of sharing or sending campaign material or hyperlinks of campaign material to the public, or to a list of subscribers, by means of an electronic communication *or online* platform, the Internet, text messaging service, or software application.

(6) “Electronic media advertisement” means a *qualifying paid digital communication, or other electronic communication in which campaign material* [advertisement, logo, or small icon that] is [posted] *disseminated, distributed or published* on social media, a micro-blog, the Internet, *text messaging, an online platform, or other forms of electronic media other than radio, broadcast, cable or satellite television by a political committee.*

(7) [text unchanged].

(8) Political Committee.

(a) “Political committee” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §1-101, Annotated Code of Maryland; *and*[.]

(b) “Political committee” *also* includes:

(i) A candidate;

(ii) A person required to file an independent expenditure report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland; [or]

(iii) A person required to file an electioneering communication report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland [.] *or*

*(iv) Any entity or person required to register with the State Board under Title 13, Subtitle 3 of the Election Law Article.*

(9) Publication.

(a) “Publication” means the act or instance of making campaign material available to the public, or to a list of subscribers, including by means of an electronic communication *or an online* platform, the Internet, *a* text messaging service, or *a* software application.

(b) “Publication” includes displaying content on the Internet, updating webpages, posting blogs, and providing updates or posts on social media.

(10) [text unchanged]

.02 Requirements.

A.-C. [text unchanged]

D. Electronic Media Advertisements.

(1) An electronic media advertisement published or distributed by a political committee or an agent of the political committee for the purpose of promoting or opposing a candidate, prospective candidate, or the approval or rejection of a question is campaign material as defined under Election Law Article, §1-101(k), Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) Authority Line Required.

(a) [text unchanged]

(b) If an electronic media advertisement is *in text or graphic form and is* too small to include the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, in a legible manner, the political committee is in compliance with the authority line requirement under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, if:

(i) [For an] The *electronic media* advertisement [that allows the] *includes an icon or button that:*

*(a) When viewed in the context of the electronic media advertisement, provides clear, meaningful and prominent notice that the electronic media advertisement is campaign material; and*

*(b) when [viewer to] clicked by the person viewing [on] the electronic media advertisement: [the user is taken to a landing or home page that prominently]*

*(i) [d] opens a page, window or an overlay that prominently displays the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland and [landing or home page that prominently displays] the information required under Election Law Article, §13-405(b)(6), Annotated Code of Maryland; and*

*(ii) does not result in the collection by the political committee of additional information or data about the person viewing the electronic media advertisement; or*

(ii) (a) [For an] *The electronic media advertisement appears on an online platform that does not allow for the use of the icon or button referenced in Regulation .02D(2)(b)(i) of this Chapter, [the political committee registers the advertisement and the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, with the State Board], but when clicked by the person viewing the electronic media advertisement, opens a page or window: that prominently displays the authority line information required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland[.]; and*

*(b) The political committee notifies the State Board of the online platform that does not allow for the use of the icon or button referenced in Regulation .02D(2)(b)(1) of this Chapter.*

(c) Examples of electronic media advertisements that are too small to contain an authority line as required under Election Law Article, §13-401(a), Annotated Code of Maryland, include:

(i) A micro bar;

(ii) A button ad;

(iii) A [paid] text [advertisement] or communication that is 200 characters or fewer in length; and

(iv) A [paid] graphic or picture link where it is not reasonably practical due to the size of the graphic or picture link.

E.-F. [text unchanged]

*G. Bots and Paid promotion. A political committee or other person responsible for any publication may not conceal or misrepresent the identity of the political committee or person responsible for the publication via the use of a software application or paid service that generates or deploys multiple social media profiles, such as a bot, to distribute or disseminate the publication.*

## **Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING**

#### **Chapter 10 Prohibitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-218, 13-225-13-237, 13-239 and 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Prohibited Contributions.

A.- C [text unchanged]

D. Video Lottery Operation Licensee or Applicant — Same Owners. If the person in §C of this regulation is a corporation, any wholly owned [corporations or other corporations owned by identical shareholders] *direct or indirect subsidiary or any other entity owned or controlled by persons owning at least 80% of the ownership interests in the corporation, at any time during the election cycle*, may not make any contributions to a political committee organized in support of a non-federal candidate for the rest of the election cycle.

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING**  
**Chapter 15 Political Action Committees**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-309.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.13 Merges and Acquisitions.**

*A. Acquisition. If a political action committee acquires, merges with, or takes control of another political action committee and is the surviving entity in the transaction, the prior contributions made by the non-surviving entity will not be retroactively attributed to the surviving entity.*

*B. Newly Formed Entity. If a political action committee merges with another political action committee to form a new political action committee, the prior contributions made by each of the non-surviving political action committees will be attributed to the newly formed political action committee. If, as a result of such attribution, the prior contributions to a particular political committee exceed the applicable contribution limit under Title 13 of the Election Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and this Subtitle, the political committee shall not be required to return any amounts attributed to the newly formed political action committee that exceed the applicable contribution limit, but the newly formed political action committee may not make a further contribution to that political committee.*

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Subtitle 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCING**  
**Chapter 17 Participating Organizations**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Scope and Definitions.**

A.-B. [text unchanged]

*C. Terms Defined.*

*(1) “Participating organization” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

(2) “Political disbursement” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(3) “Principal Officer” means the person exercising direction or control over the activities of the participating organization.

.02 Registration.

A. In General. The participating organization shall file a registration notice with the State Board within 48 hours of making [a contribution, donation, or] *political* disbursements of *more than* \$6,000 [or more] cumulatively in an election cycle [to:

- (1) A political committee;
- (2) A person making independent expenditures;
- (3) A person making electioneering communications; or
- (4) An out-of-State political committee for the purpose of influencing a Maryland election].

B. Notice Requirements.

(1) The registration notice shall consist of the following information:

- (a) The identity of the participating organization;
- (b) The business address of the participating organization;
- (c) The name and mailing address of the individual designated as the treasurer or responsible officer authorized to file reports required under Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (d) [The election year or years in which the participating organization will be participating] *The name and address of the principal officer of the participating organization;* and
- (e) A statement on whether or not the participating organization will *file a participating organization report* or provide an active Internet address on its landing page [for the entire election year] that contains the information required by the State Board as to the participating organization’s disbursements made and donations received[, including the names and addresses of all donors who have donated within the last 6 months from the date of filing the registration notice with the State Board] .

(2) If the participating organization:

(a) *Will publish the required information on* [Has] an active Internet address as described in §B(1)(e) of this regulation, it shall provide the Internet address on the registration notice and identify the Internet link on its landing page as “Campaign Finance Activity” and use at least 12-point font for all required information; or

(b) *Will not [have] publish the required information on* an active Internet address, the participating organization shall submit the reports required by Election Law Article, §13-309.2, Annotated Code of Maryland[, including the names, addresses, and occupations of the five largest monetary donors to the participating organization within the last year from the date of filing the registration notice with the State Board].

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 19 Expenditures and Disbursements**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-218(b), 13-304(b), 13-221(a)(3), 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Scope.**

*This chapter applies to expenditures and disbursements made by political committees and persons.*

**.02 Polls**

*A. Expenditure. The purchase of opinion poll results by a political committee or person is an expenditure by the political committee or person.*

*B. In-Kind Contribution. The acceptance of any part of an opinion poll's results by a candidate, the authorized campaign committee of the candidate, or an agent of the candidate, prior to such time as those results have been made public and without the payment of fair market value, shall be treated as an in-kind contribution by the political committee or person furnishing the opinion poll results to the candidate or the authorized candidate campaign committee.*

*C. Acceptance. The poll results are considered accepted by a candidate if the candidate, agents of the candidate, or the political committees affiliated with candidate:*

*(1) Requested the poll results before the opinion poll was concluded;*

*(2) Used the poll results before they became public; or*

*(3) Failed to notify the person purporting to provide the opinion poll results that the candidate refused to accept the opinion poll results.*

*D. Public Release. The acceptance of any part of a poll's results which part, prior to receipt, has been made public without any request, authorization, prearrangement, or coordination by the candidate or the agents of the candidate shall not be treated as an in-kind contribution by the political committee or person releasing the opinion poll results.*

*E. Fair Market Value.*

*(1) Fair market value of an opinion polls is determined as of the date when the candidate or its agents receives the poll results. The value of the polls decreases as the benefits derived from the poll results are less timely.*

*(2) The fair market value of an opinion polls is as follows:*

*(a) If the results are received within 30 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, 100 percent of the amount paid for the opinion poll;*

*(b) If the results are received between 31 and 60 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, 50 percent of the amount paid for the opinion poll,*

*(c) If the results are received between 61 and 180 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, 5 percent of the amount paid for the opinion poll;*

*(d) If the results are received more than 180 days following receipt by the initial recipient(s) of the opinion poll, the fair market value shall be zero.*

*(3) If only a portion of the opinion poll results are shared with a candidate, then the fair market value of the results received by the candidate shall be further reduced:*

*(a) To an amount reflecting the proportion of the number of question results received by the candidate or political committee as compared to the total number of questions in the opinion poll; or*

*(b) To an amount computed by any other method which reasonably reflects the benefit derived.*

### **.03 Mailing List**

*A. Expenditure. The purchase of a mailing list, email list or a contributor list is a permissible expenditure by a political committee.*

*B. In-Kind Contribution. The acceptance of a mailing list, email list or a contributor list by a political committee from another person without providing compensation at fair market value is considered an in-kind contribution.*

*C. Fair Market value. The fair market value of the mailing list, email list or contributor list shall be determined by industry practice for selling mailing list data at the time of receipt.*

### **.04 Voter File Access**

*A. Field Expense. The purchase of voter file access is a permissible expenditure by a political committee. The purchase of the voter file access is considered a field expense*

*B. Procurement. The purchase of voter file access from a central committee by a political committee is not considered a transfer or contribution to the central committee.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 13 Campaign Finance**  
**Chapter 20 Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definitions**

*A. In General. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.*

*B. Terms Defined.*

*(1) "Affiliated political action committee" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article §13-242 and §13-243.*

*(2) "Employee membership entity" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article §13-242.*

*(3) "Membership entity" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article §13-243.*

**.02 Non-Contribution Disbursements.**

*A. Requirements. The costs in §B of this regulation will not be considered a contribution by an employee membership entity or a membership entity to an affiliated political action committee that:*

*(1) It has established; and*

*(2) Only solicits contributions from the members participating in a payroll deduction program of the employee membership entity, or a program for periodic collection of dues of the membership entity.*

*B. Disbursements. The following costs of operating an employee membership entity or membership entity are not considered a contribution to an affiliated political action committee it has established:*

- (1) *The cost of establishing or modifying the payroll program or program for periodic collection of dues to permit the employer or membership entity to offer its employees or members, respectively, the option of making contributions by payroll deduction or other periodic method of payment;*
  - (2) *The cost of providing information or written materials regarding how to participate in the payroll deduction program or program for periodic collection of contributions to the members;*
  - (3) *The cost of compliance training for members who volunteer to contact other members to explain the political purpose and operation of the affiliated political committee established by the employee membership entity or membership entity and the member's right to refuse to participate without reprisal.*
  - (4) *The costs associated with soliciting members to participate in the payroll deduction program or program for periodic collection of contributions, including*
    - a. *The use of office space in the employee membership entity or membership entity; or*
    - b. *Personnel of the employee membership entity or membership entity.*
  - (5) *The cost of legal services concerning the requirements of Title 13 of the Election Law Article.*
- C. *Restrictions. A solicitation permitted under §B of this regulation by an employee membership entity or membership entity shall be limited to:*
- (1) *Current or active members, not former members or spouses of current or former members;*
  - (2) *Appeals for voluntary contributions without promise of reimbursement, reward, or other inducement from the employee membership entity or membership entity in exchange for the member's participation; and*
  - (3) *Appeals for voluntary contributions without actual or threatened penalty, coercion, discrimination, or other reprisal for the member's non-participation.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 22 Legal Expenses**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-233, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

*.01 Scope.*

*This chapter applies to legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election.*

*.02 Establishment.*

*Prior to the receipt of contributions received pursuant to Election Law Article 13-233, a political committee shall:*

*A. Establish a segregated checking account from the campaign accounts of the political committee, consistent with the requirements of Election Law Article, §13-220, Annotated Code of Maryland; and:*

*B. Register the segregated account with the financial institution and the State Board in a manner that identifies it as being for legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election.*

*.03 Management.*

*The political committee shall:*

*A. Maintain account books and records for legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election in accordance with the requirements of Election Law Article, §13-221, Annotated Code of Maryland; and*

*B. Report all contributions received, disbursements made, and outstanding obligations incurred in connection with legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election on a disclosure report.*

*.04 Reporting. The political committee paying for reasonable legal expenses associated with maintaining or contesting the results of an election must report all contributions received and expenditures made on a campaign finance*

*.05 Applicability of Contribution Limits.*

*A. Contributions.*

*(1) All monies received from an individual to the political committee to pay for the legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result are contributions.*

*(2) All services provided by an individual to the political committee to offset the costs of legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result are contributions.*

*B. Contribution limit. An individual may make an unlimited contribution to the political committee to pay for or offset the legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.*

*.06 Permissible Uses.*

*A. Permissible Use. Contributions received in accordance with Election Law Article § 13-233(b), Maryland Code Annotated, shall be used exclusively for legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.*

*.07 Prohibitions.*

*A. Commingling of Funds. A political committee may not commingle the funds of a campaign account and the account established under .02 of this section.*

*B. Prohibited Activities. The political committee may not expend any funds received in accordance with Election Law Article § 13-233(b), Maryland Code Annotated, for any reason other than the payment of legal expenses associated with maintenance or contest of the election result.*

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## Memorandum

**To:** State Board Members  
**From:** Jared DeMarinis  
**Date:** August 23, 2018  
**Re:** Proposed Changes to Regulations

At the next board meeting, I will propose changes to the following COMAR provision<sup>1</sup> (see enclosure):

- 33.13 -Campaign Financing
  - .01 (Definitions)
  - .07 (Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media)
    - .01 (Definitions)
    - .02 (Requirements)
  - .10 (Prohibitions)
    - .02 (Prohibited Contributions)
  - .15 (Political Action Committees)
    - .13 (*Merges and Acquisitions*)
  - .17 Participating Organizations
    - .01 (Scope and *Definitions*)
    - .02 (Registration)
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    - .04 (*Voter File Access*)
  - .20 (*Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities*)
    - .01 (*Definitions*)
    - .02 (*Non-Contribution Disbursements*)
  - .21 (*Online Platforms*)
    - .01 (*Definitions*)
    - .02 (*Political Advertiser Purchaser Responsibilities*)
    - .03 (*Online Platform Responsibilities*)

<sup>1</sup> Italicized text is new section or language.

- .04 (*Penalties*)
- .22 (*Legal Expenses*)
  - .01 (*Scope*)
  - .02 (*Establishment*)
  - .03 (*Management*)
  - .04 (*Reporting*)
  - .05 (*Applicability of Contribution Limits*)
  - .06 (*Permissible Uses*)
  - .07 (*Prohibitions*)

### **Campaign Financing (Subtitle 13)**

#### **.01 Definitions**

The proposed regulation amends the definition of donation to include the compliance account of a political action committee.

#### **.07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media**

The proposed regulations amend the requirements for an electronic media advertisement to include the definition of a qualifying paid digital communication and other clarifying changes to comply with the recently passed legislation. It expands the authority line requirements for online campaign material to participating organizations and other person required to register with the State Board. The proposed regulations change the authority line requirements for campaign material where it would not legible to read to current technological standards, such as the use of an icon or an overlay rather than a click through. The regulations prohibit data collection from the viewer of an authority line.

Additionally, the proposed regulation clarify the use of bots may not conceal or misrepresent the identity of the political committee responsible for campaign material distributed.

#### **.10 Prohibitions**

The proposed regulation amends the current regulation to conform ownership of a video lottery operation license with Election Law Article §13-226(e).

#### **.15 Political Action Committees**

The proposed regulation on merges and acquisitions of political action committees codifies current State Board policy on the attribution of contributions between merged or acquired political action committees.

#### **.17 Participating Organizations**

In 2017, the General Assembly changed the reporting requirements for a participating organization. These proposed regulations reflect the statutory changes.

#### **.19 Expenditures and Disbursements**

The proposed regulations detail how political committees treat the receipt of a polls, mailing list or voter access file. The proposed regulation set up a tiered approach on the value of a poll based upon the date of receipt of the information. It is similar to how the Federal Election Commission value

polling information. Additionally, mailing list have been a frequently asked question by committees on how to value them. The valuation of the list will be industry standards for purchasing similar lists. Finally, the regulations clarify that the purchase of a voter file from a political party is not considered a transfer or a contribution to the political party.

*.20 Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities*

House Bill 1498 of the 2017 General Assembly Legislative Session changed the definition of a contribution to exclude certain activities by an employee membership and membership entity. The proposed regulation clarifies and defines the activities not considered contributions by those entities.

*.21 Online Platforms*

In 2018, the General Assembly passed the Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act. The Act required disclosure regarding campaign material on online platform from the online platforms. The proposed regulations establish the responsibilities for the purchaser of the political advertisement, the online platform and any other intermediaries used in the placement of the advertisement before reaching a publicly facing website. This includes the requirements for the public database of all political

The proposed regulations define an ad network and clearly state the civil and criminal penalties for noncompliance. Additionally, the proposed regulations establish safe harbors provision for online platform to rely on the information provided by the purchaser as well as a method for refusal to accept political advertisements.

*.22 Legal Expenses*

The proposed regulation on legal expenses clarifies the reporting obligations for a political committee engaging in fundraising effort for a recount challenge or defense.

If you have any questions about this proposed text before the board meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will, of course, be available at the board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment: Proposed Regulations

## 2018 General Election

### Absentee Voting - Web Delivery Returned for Counting

County	Military & Overseas Voters	Domestic, Civilian Voters	Total Voters
Allegany	18	145	163
Anne Arundel	571	3,829	4,400
Baltimore City	376	2,100	2,476
Baltimore County	443	3,970	4,413
Calvert	47	554	601
Caroline	4	66	70
Carroll	81	792	873
Cecil	33	316	349
Charles	68	627	695
Dorchester	9	72	81
Frederick	193	1,467	1,660
Garrett	10	95	105
Harford	129	872	1,001
Howard	377	2,651	3,028
Kent	14	92	106
Montgomery	2,053	10,282	12,335
Prince George's	435	3,911	4,346
Queen Anne's	34	222	256
Saint Mary's	81	436	517
Somerset	4	35	39
Talbot	36	270	306
Washington	48	399	447
Wicomico	27	285	312
Worcester	35	328	363
Statewide	5,126	33,816	38,942

# Maryland Association of Election Officials

## 2019 Annual Meeting of the Membership

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel  
10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, Maryland 21842  
Phone: 410.524.3535

### **AGENDA**

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#### **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**

##### **Terrace Lobby**

Vendor Set-Up

2:00 pm

##### **Conference Room 3**

**MAEO Board of Directors' Meeting**

3:00 pm -- 5:00 pm

##### **Conference Room 6**

**Conference Registration** – Hosts: Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
Door Prize Drop-Off (Each County/SBE to donate 2 door prizes)  
MAEO Feud Signup

4:00 pm

##### **Hotel Check-In**

5:00 pm

##### **Crystal Ballroom**

##### **MAEO Business Meeting**

Call to Order and Introductions – David Garreis, President (Anne Arundel County)  
Roll Call, Establish Quorum – Ruie Marie Lavoie, Secretary (Baltimore County)  
Welcome Address – Thomas Hicks, Commissioner, US Elections Assistance Commission  
Approval of Minutes – Ruie Marie Lavoie  
Guest Speaker: Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman's Suffrage – The Honorable Mary Washington, Maryland State Senate  
Theme Winner Announcement – Catherine "Maggie" Mundle, Awards Committee Chair (Harford County)  
General Information and Housekeeping – David Garreis  
Adjournment

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

##### **Terrace Lobby**

##### **Trade Show and Reception**

Vendor Introductions, Gail Hatfield, Vendor Coordinator (Calvert County)  
Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvres  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt – Instructions in Attendee Folders

*Dinner & Entertainment on Your Own* – Information in Attendee Folders



## Wednesday, May 22, 2019

### **Terrace Lobby**

Vendor Display – Vendor Scavenger Hunt – Instructions in Attendee Folders

7:00 am – 8:30 am

### **Horizons Restaurant**

#### **Breakfast Buffet**

Must Display MAEO Name Badge and Buffet Ticket

7:30 am – 8:45 am

### **Conference Room 6**

**Conference Registration** – Hosts: Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties

Door Prize Drop-Off (Each County/SBE to donate 2 door prizes)

MAEO Feud Sign Up

9:00 am

### **Crystal Ballroom**

#### **2019 Annual Meeting of the Membership, Opening Ceremony**

Call to Order & Welcome – David Garreis, President

Roll Call, Establish Quorum – Ruie Lavoie, MAEO Secretary

Prayer for Deceased Members – Bruce Field, Board President (Washington County)

Pledge of Allegiance – Garrett County

Welcome Address – The Honorable Brandon Butler, Allegany County Executive

Guest Speaker: Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman's Suffrage – The

Honorable Kathy Szeliga, Maryland House of Delegates

Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – Ruie Marie Lavoie, Secretary

Treasurer's Report (Included in Attendee Folder) – Danna Archie-Williams, Treasurer

Committee Reports (Included in Attendee Folders) – Committee Chair listed below

\*Absentee Voting – Alysoun McLaughlin (Montgomery County) and Barry Jackson (Washington County)

\*Audit – Gail Hatfield (Calvert County)

\*Awards & Recognition – Catherine "Maggie" Mundle (Harford County)

\*Conference Planning – Ruie Lavoie (Baltimore County) and Abigail Goldman (Baltimore City)

\*Constitution & Bylaws – Alisha Alexander (Prince George's County)

\*Educational Grant/Continuing Education – Armstead B. Jones, Sr. (Baltimore City)

\*Elections – Stephanie Taylor (Harford County)

\*Election Judges/Early Voting – Daneen Banks (Prince George's County)

\*Election Technology – Garrick Hendricks (Calvert County)

\*Legislative – Stuart Harvey (Frederick County) and Katherine Berry (Carroll County)

\*Newsletter – Ben Frey (Somerset County)

\*Outreach – Joshua Ramos (Anne Arundel)

\*Parliamentarian – Richard Siejack (Harford County)

\*Personnel – Katherine Berry (Carroll County)

\*State Regulations Review – Jessica Newby (Montgomery County)

\*Voter Registration – Kimberly Phillips (Howard County)

\*Website – Hassan Aslam (Anne Arundel County)

9:15 am

### **Opening Remarks**

Linda Lamone, Administrator, State Board of Elections (SBE)

9:25 am

### **2019 MAEO Bylaws Election Information**

Stephanie Taylor, Election Committee Chair (Harford County)



**Wednesday, May 22, 2019, continued**

- 9:30 am **General Information and Reminders**  
David Garreis, President
- 9:45 am – 10:45 am **Crystal Ballroom**  
**Be Recount Ready**  
Andrew Bailey Board Counsel, Baltimore County  
Katie A. Brown, Director, Baltimore County  
Guy Mickley, Director, Howard County  
Kaye Robucci, Director, Washington County  
Moderator: Tucker Cavanaugh, Deputy Director of Government Reform and Strategic Initiatives at Baltimore County
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am **Terrace Lobby**  
**BREAK** Coffee, Tea and Water  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Crystal Ballroom**  
**Same Day Registration (SDR) and Address Change**  
Amber MacReynolds, Former Elections Director, City/County of Denver, Colorado  
Policy Advocate, National Vote at Home Institute  
Moderator: Armstead B. Jones, Sr., Director, Baltimore City
- 12:00 pm **Grand Ballroom** – *Please arrive promptly at 12 Noon*  
**Lunch Buffet – Pizza Shop**  
Must Display MAEO Name Badge  
**Sit at Table Number Printed on Back of Name Badge\*\*\***  
Door Prizes – Must be present to win  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt
- 12:30 pm – 1:25 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
**Team MAEO: Preparedness Challenge**  
Moderator: Christine Jones, Director, Queen Anne's County

**Breakout Sessions: 6 Sessions, Each Offered Twice at Different Times**

- 1:30 pm – 2:25 pm **Conference Room 6**  
**Complying with Maryland's Open Meeting Act**  
Ann MacNeille, Esq. Attorney General's Office  
Mike Molinaro, Esq. Board Attorney, Howard County  
Andrea Trento, Esq., Assistant Attorney General for State Board of Elections  
Moderator: Nikki Charlson, Esq., Deputy Administrator, State Board of Elections
- Conference Room 2**  
**2019 Legislation Update – What's New and Coming for 2020 Elections**  
Jared DeMarinis, Director, Candidacy & Campaign Finance Division, State Board of Elections  
Stuart Harvey, Co-Chair, Legislative Committee (Frederick County)  
The Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Chair, Ways and Means Committee, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mary Cramer Wagner, Voter Registration Division Director, State Board of Elections



**Wednesday, May 22, 2019, continued**

**Conference Room 1**

**Hands Only CPR Certification Training – “Stayin Alive”**

Gregory Wm. Branch, M.D., MBA, CPE, FACP

Director of Health and Human Services and Health Officer for Baltimore County

Moderator: Cathy Quesenberry, Administrative Assistant, Queen Anne’s County

**Crystal Ballroom, Hall 2A**

**#SocialMedia4Elections: Mastering the Art of Social Media and Communication**

Sarah Mohan, Social Media & Outreach Program Manager (Harford County)

Moderator: The Honorable Kathy Szeliga, Maryland House of Delegates

**Crystal Ballroom, Hall 1 – Directors, Deputy Directors, Administrators, Supervisors**

**5 Stages of Rock Solid Leadership in Elections**

Liz Weber, CMC, CSP, Weber Business Services, LLC

Moderator: The Honorable Mary Washington, Maryland State Senate

**Crystal Ballroom, Hall 2B**

**Personnel Power Hour**

Katherine Berry, Personnel Committee Chair (Carroll County)

Sylvia Brown, Human Resources Director, State Board of Elections

Christina Lohr, Human Resources Officer, State Board of Elections

Moderator: Danna Archie-Williams, Supervisor, Baltimore County

**Breakout Sessions: 6 Sessions, Each Offered Twice at Different Times**

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Conference Room 3**

**Complying with Maryland’s Open Meeting Act**

Ann MacNeille, Esq. Attorney General’s Office

Mike Molinara, Esq. Board Attorney, Howard County

Andrea Trento, Esq., Assistant Attorney General for State Board of Elections

Moderator: Nikki Charlson, Esq., Deputy Administrator, State Board of Elections

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3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

**Grand Ballroom Lobby**

***BREAK – OC Boardwalk***

Vendor Scavenger Hunt

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

**Crystal Ballroom**

**How Secure is Maryland's Election System?**

Nikki Charlson, Esq., Deputy Administrator, State Board of Elections

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

**Crystal Ballroom**

**Innovations in Elections – Be 2020 Ready**

Moderator: Steve Fratz, Director, Garrett County

**Best Practice: TBD**

Sabrina Graves, Election Supervisor II, Baltimore City

**Cross Training: Same Day Registration and Provisional Election Judges**

Katherine Berry, Director, Carroll County

Ruie Lavoie, Administrator, Baltimore County

**Best Practice: Part-Time Election Judges**

Jessica Jones, Lead Election Judge Recruiter, Montgomery County

**Best Practice:**

Zach , Frederick County

**Conference Room 1 & 2 – Directors, Deputy Directors and Administrators**

**Build Depth and Plan for Succession in 8 Easy Steps**

Liz Weber, CMC, CSP, Weber Business Services, LLC

Moderator: Alisha Alexander, Director, Prince George's County

5:00 pm

**Crystal Ballroom**

**2019 Annual Meeting of the Membership**

Announcements, Election Results, Reminders and Recess, David Garreis

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Grand Ballroom**

***Dinner Buffet – OC Boardwalk***

**Must Display MAEO Name Badge**

Door Prizes – Must be present to win

6:00 pm

**Grand Ballroom**



## MAEO Shining Star Awards

Catherine "Maggie" Mundle, Awards Committee Chair (Harford County)

Katie Brown, Awards Committee Member (Baltimore County)

### Wednesday, May 22, 2019, continued

6:30 pm – 10:30 pm **Grand Ballroom Lobby**  
Cash Bar

7:00 pm – 10:30 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
**MAEO FEUD**  
Host: Guy Mickley, Director, Howard County  
DJ: The Sound Booth  
Music and Dancing

### Thursday, May 23, 2019

7:00 am – 8:30 am **Horizons Restaurant**  
**Breakfast Buffet**  
Must Display MAEO Name Badge and Buffet Ticket

8:00 am – 8:45 am **Conference Room 6**  
**Conference Registration** – Hosts: Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties  
Door Prize Drop-Off (Each County/SBE to donate 2 door prizes)

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Crystal Ballroom**  
**2019 Annual Meeting of the Membership, Day 2**  
Reconvene, Welcome & Introductions – David Garreis, President  
Roll Call – Ruie Marie Lavoie, Secretary  
Guest Speaker: Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woman's Suffrage – The Honorable Julia Gouge, Former Commissioner, Carroll County  
Opening Remarks – Nikki Charlson, Deputy Administrator, State Board of Elections

9:30 am – 10:30 am **Crystal Ballroom** – Directors, Deputy Directors, Administration and Staff  
**Table Top Exercise (TTX) – Ready for Anything – Phase 1**

**Conference Room 1 & 2** – By Invitation Only  
**How to Conduct a Table Top Exercise – Phase 1**

9:30 am – 10:30 am **Conference Room 4 & 5** – Board Member and Attorney Breakout Session  
**Must Haves in Polling Place Surveys & Electioneering Do's and Don'ts**  
Cortnee Bryant, Deputy Director of Election Reform, State Board of Elections  
Jared DeMarinis, Director, Candidacy & Campaign Finance Division, SBE  
Moderator: Bruce Harris, Board Secretary, Baltimore County

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Terrace Lobby**  
**BREAK** Coffee, Tea and Water  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Crystal Ballroom** – Directors, Deputy Directors, Administration and Staff  
**Table Top Exercise (TTX) – Ready for Anything – Phase 2**



**Conference Room 1, 2 – By Invitation Only**  
**How to Conduct a Table Top Exercise – Phase 2**

**Thursday, May 23, 2019, continued**

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Conference Room 4 & 5** – Board Member and Attorney Breakout Session  
**Jurisdictions, Large and Small; Differences and Similarities in Administration**  
Wendy Adkins, Director, St. Mary's County  
Tracy Dickerson, Director, Charles County  
Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Director, Montgomery County

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm **Conference Room 6**  
**MAEO Election Canvass**  
Stephanie Taylor, Election Committee Chair (Harford County)

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
**Lunch Buffet – Harvest Table**  
Must Display MAEO Name Badge  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Crystal Ballroom** – Directors, Deputy Directors, Administration and Staff  
**Table Top Exercise (TTX) – Ready for Anything – Phase 3 and 4**

**Conference Room 1 & 2 – By Invitation Only**  
**How to Conduct a Table Top Exercise – Phase 3 and 4**

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Conference Room 4 & 5** – Board Member and Attorney Breakout Session  
**Roundtable Discussion: 2020 Election Ready**  
Dorothy C. Duffield, Board Member, Charles County  
Ben Frey, Election Information System Specialist, Somerset County  
Moderator: Bill Voelp, Board President, Anne Arundel County

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm **Grand Ballroom Lobby**  
**BREAK – Sweet Break**  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm **Crystal Ballroom** – Directors, Deputy Directors, Administration and Staff  
**Table Top Exercises – Ready for Anything – After Action Review**

**Conference Room 1 & 2 – By Invitation Only**  
**How to Conduct a Table Top Exercise – After Action Review**

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm **Conference Room 4 & 5**  
Board Member and Attorney Breakout Session  
**Canvass: Absentee, Provisional and Early Voting Results**  
**Manual Audit of Election Results: Basic Outline of Staff Procedures**  
Cindy (Allred) Remmey, Acting Director, Harford County  
Bruce Robinson, Board Vice President, Baltimore County  
Andrea Trento, Esq., Assistant Attorney General for State Board of Elections

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm **Crystal Ballroom**



**MAEO Election Results and Announcements**  
**2019 Annual Meeting Adjournment**  
David Garreis, President

**Thursday, May 23, 2019, continued**

- 6:00 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt Deadline to Enter
- 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
**Dinner Buffet - Little Italy**  
Must Display MAEO Name Badge  
Vendor Scavenger Hunt Winner – Must be present to win  
Door Prizes – Must be present to win  
Grand Prize Drawing, 2 Night Stay in Ocean City – Must be present to win
- 6:30 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
**MAEO Awards and Retirement Presentations**  
Catherine “Maggie” Mundle, Awards Committee Chair (Harford County)  
Katie Brown, Awards Committee (Baltimore County)
- 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm **Grand Ballroom Lobby**  
Cash Bar
- 7:30 pm – 11:00 pm **Grand Ballroom**  
**MAEO FEUD Playoffs**  
Host: Guy Mickley, Director, Howard County  
**Futuristic Theme Dance – Dress to Impress and Win!**  
DJ: The Sound Booth, Music, Dancing, Karaoke, Photo Booth, Prizes

**Friday, May 24, 2019**

*Breakfast on Your Own*

- 10:00 am **Conference Room 6**  
**MAEO Board of Directors’ Meeting**
- 11:00 am Hotel Checkout – Safe Travels





### **Board of Directors**

David Garreis, President (Anne Arundel County)  
Alisha Alexander, Vice President (Prince George's County)  
Ruie Marie Lavoie, Secretary (Baltimore County)  
Danna Archie-Williams, Treasurer (Baltimore County)  
Ben Frey, Board Member (Somerset County)  
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Armstead B. Jones, Sr., Board Member (Baltimore City)  
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Howard County)  
Joshua Ramos, Board Member (Anne Arundel County)

### **Host Counties**

Allegany County Board of Elections  
Garrett County Board of Election  
Washington County Board of Elections

### **Conference Planners**

Ruie Marie Lavoie, Chair (Baltimore County)  
Abigail Goldman, Vice Chair (Baltimore City)



**D38I01**  
**State Board of Elections**

***Executive Summary***

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The State Board of Elections (SBE) is a five-member board charged with managing and supervising elections in the State, registering voters, and coordinating candidacy.

***Operating Budget Data***

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(\$ in Thousands)

	<u>FY 18</u>	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 19-20</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Working</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Prior Year</u>
General Fund	\$8,614	\$12,174	\$12,859	\$685	5.6%
Adjustments	0	-309	110	419	
<b>Adjusted General Fund</b>	<b>\$8,614</b>	<b>\$11,865</b>	<b>\$12,969</b>	<b>\$1,104</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
Special Fund	11,250	15,773	14,042	-1,732	-11.0%
Adjustments	0	-332	9	341	
<b>Adjusted Special Fund</b>	<b>\$11,250</b>	<b>\$15,442</b>	<b>\$14,051</b>	<b>-\$1,391</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>
Federal Fund	0	668	707	40	5.9%
Adjustments	0	1,530	0	-1,530	
<b>Adjusted Federal Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,198</b>	<b>\$707</b>	<b>-\$1,490</b>	<b>-67.8%</b>
Reimbursable Fund	3,072	625	0	-625	-100.0%
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	
<b>Adjusted Reimbursable Fund</b>	<b>\$3,072</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>-\$625</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
<b>Adjusted Grand Total</b>	<b>\$22,936</b>	<b>\$30,129</b>	<b>\$27,727</b>	<b>-\$2,402</b>	<b>-8.0%</b>

Note: The fiscal 2019 appropriation includes deficiencies, a one-time \$500 bonus, and general salary increases. The fiscal 2020 allowance includes general salary increases.

Note: Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

For further information contact: Benjamin B. Wilhelm

Phone: (410) 946-5530

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- The Governor’s budget plan for SBE includes fiscal 2019 deficiencies, which decrease the general fund appropriation by a net of \$309,104 and the special fund appropriation by \$331,637 due to the impact of increased federal grant funding, which is partially offset by statewide salary actions. The budget also includes a deficiency to add \$1.6 million in additional federal funds for election security.
- The fiscal 2020 allowance for the agency decreases by \$2.4 million (8.0%) due to declining special funds for voting equipment and federal funds for election security. General funds increase by \$1.1 million, largely due to increased contract costs for election services.

***Personnel Data***

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	<b><u>FY 18</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19</u></b> <b><u>Working</u></b>	<b><u>FY 20</u></b> <b><u>Allowance</u></b>	<b><u>FY 19-20</u></b> <b><u>Change</u></b>
Regular Positions	41.80	41.80	41.80	0.00
Contractual FTEs	<u>0.38</u>	<u>1.88</u>	<u>3.38</u>	<u>1.50</u>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>42.18</b>	<b>43.68</b>	<b>45.18</b>	<b>1.50</b>

***Vacancy Data: Regular Positions***

Turnover and Necessary Vacancies, Excluding New Positions	0.86	2.06%
Positions and Percentage Vacant as of 12/31/18	2.00	4.78%

- The fiscal 2020 allowance increases by 1.5 contractual full-time equivalents (FTE) over the fiscal 2019 working appropriation. This increase includes two 0.5 FTEs for warehouse inventory specialists and 1 0.5 FTE increase for a database specialist to a 1.0 FTE.

***Key Observations***

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- ***Looking Back at 2018:*** With a few notable exceptions, the 2018 election was generally smooth and well managed, and the State saw historically high turnout.
- ***Looking Forward to 2020:*** Preparations for 2020 are already underway, and two ongoing issues, the delayed Agency Election Management System replacement and the fix for confusing displays on ballot marking devices, are both on track to be resolved before the election.

## **Operating Budget Recommended Actions**

1. Restrict \$1.3 million in general funds for the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System to that purpose.
2. Adopt committee narrative expressing the intent that the State Board of Elections' ballot procurement process ensures that additional paper stock will be available should ballots in all or part of the State need to be reprinted prior to an election.

## **Updates**

- This analysis includes an update on the status of the Fair Campaign Finance Fund.

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**State Board of Elections**

***Operating Budget Analysis***

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**Program Description**

The State Board of Elections (SBE) is a five-member board charged with managing and supervising elections in the State; ensuring compliance with State and federal election laws, including the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA); assisting citizens in exercising their voting rights; and providing access to candidacy for individuals seeking elected office.

Individuals from both major parties are appointed to SBE by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for staggered four-year terms. The board appoints a State Administrator, also with the advice and consent of the Senate, who is charged with oversight of the board's functions and supervising the operations of the local boards of elections (LBE). LBEs process voter registration records for the statewide voter registration database, establish election precincts, staff polling places, provide and process absentee and provisional ballots, and certify local election results.

The mission of SBE is to administer the process of holding democratic elections in a manner that inspires public confidence and trust. SBE's key goals are:

- to ensure that all eligible Maryland citizens have the opportunity to register to vote; and
- to provide a voting process that is convenient and accessible.

**Performance Analysis: 2018 Election in Review**

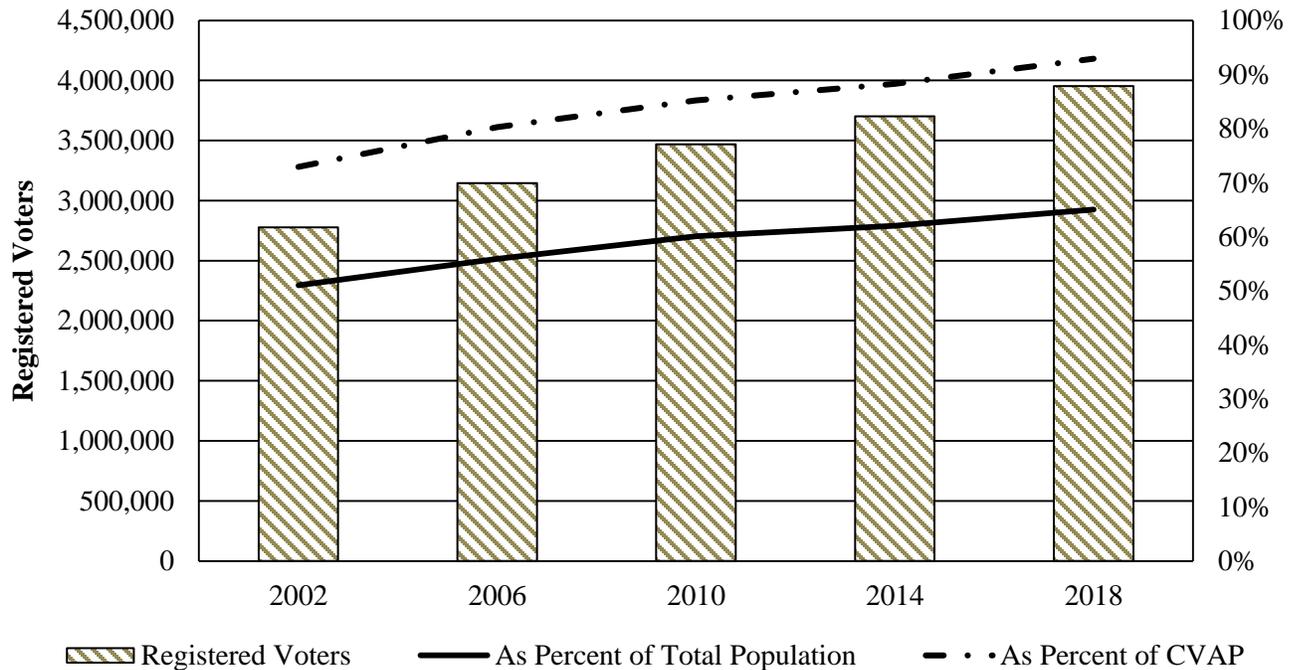
The performance of SBE is ultimately measured by the administration of the most recent elections. Since last session, there have been statewide primary and general elections. This section will provide a brief review of the administration of the 2018 election, including data on voter registration and voter turnout and a discussion of issues that arose throughout the election cycle.

**Election Statistics**

**1. Voter Registration Continues to Grow**

Growth in the number of registered voters in the State has been outpacing population growth since at least the 2002 election cycle. **Exhibit 1** provides three measures of voter registration in the State: total registered voters; registered voters as a percent of the total population; and registered voters as a percentage of the citizen voting age population (CVAP). By all three metrics, there has been a large increase in voter registration in the State.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Registered Voters in Maryland**  
**Gubernatorial General Elections**  
**Calendar 2002-2018**



CVAP: civilian voting age population

Source: Maryland State Board of Elections; United States Census Bureau

The pace of growth in voter registration remained strong in 2018 with the number of eligible active voters for the general election growing by 6.8% over 2014 to nearly 4.0 million. However, it is also the case that the growth in registered voters in the 2000s and 2010s has brought such a large share of eligible unregistered citizens onto the voter rolls that it will be difficult to maintain those high growth rates much longer. Based on CVAP, less than 1 in 10 Marylanders who are eligible to vote are not currently registered, compared to nearly 3 in 10 during the 2002 election cycle.

The fact that a large majority of Marylanders who are legally eligible to register have already done so will be important to understand as the General Assembly considers implementing election day voter registration, which was authorized by the voters in November, and evaluates the impact of automatic voter registration (Chapter 19 of 2018). The rate of growth in registrations is likely to slow in the coming years, notwithstanding these new policies.

## **2. Voter Turnout Was Historically High for a Gubernatorial Election**

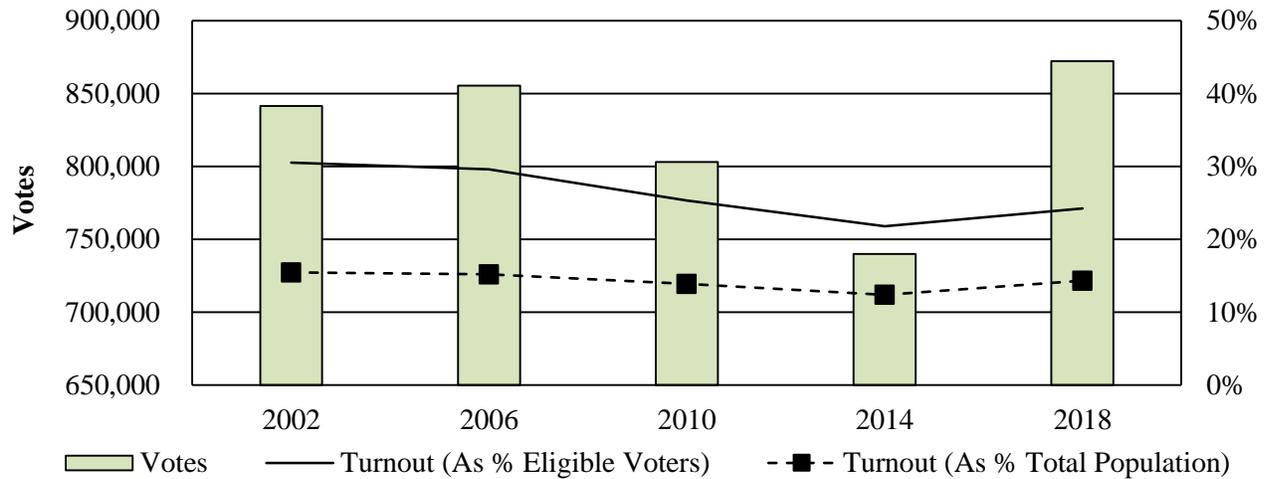
This election cycle also saw a significant upswing in voter turnout. A total of 2.3 million Marylanders voted in the 2018 general election, the first time that there were more than 2.0 million votes in a gubernatorial election in State history. Additionally, 872,207 voted in the primary election. This was also the largest raw vote count in a primary in State history by a small margin. While this increase in turnout is broadly consistent with the national trend, it is important to keep in mind that each state and locality is unique. Broader political and demographic trends are important to turnout but so are the candidates, the issues, and the individual voters in each district.

Policy changes and computerization since the 2000 election have significantly changed registration in the State, as discussed prior. The increase in the share of eligible citizens registered to vote since 2002 renders the traditional voter turnout measure less useful, especially when comparing recent cycles to historic numbers. For instance, when comparing the 2002 and 2018 general elections by the traditional metric, voter turnout was 1.9 percentage points higher in 2002. However, when measuring turnout based on total State population, turnout in 2018 was higher by 6.7 percentage points. Despite this limitation, the discussion below includes the traditional turnout measure to be consistent with historic practice.

### **Primary Election**

Turnout for primary elections since 2002 is detailed in **Exhibit 2**. As shown in the exhibit, the official turnout statistic (turnout as a share of eligible voters) increased 11.0% above the historically low turnout for the 2014 election. When expressed relative to the total population, the increase was even larger (15.3%). While turnout in the primary was still relatively high, the increase over 2014 was smaller than for the general election. Turnout by county is included in **Exhibit 3**.

**Exhibit 2  
Voter Turnout  
Gubernatorial Primary Election  
Calendar 2002-2018**



Source: Maryland State Board of Elections

**Exhibit 3  
Turnout by Jurisdiction  
2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Turnout</u>
Allegany	28.4%	Harford	24.4%
Anne Arundel	20.5%	Howard	23.4%
Baltimore City	26.0%	Kent	35.4%
Baltimore	24.6%	Montgomery	24.6%
Calvert	31.4%	Prince George's	26.9%
Caroline	29.3%	Queen Anne's	22.8%
Carroll	20.5%	St. Mary's	21.2%
Cecil	20.3%	Somerset	27.3%
Charles	21.8%	Talbot	35.7%
Dorchester	26.9%	Washington	21.1%
Frederick	22.4%	Wicomico	17.4%
Garrett	23.5%	Worcester	28.3%

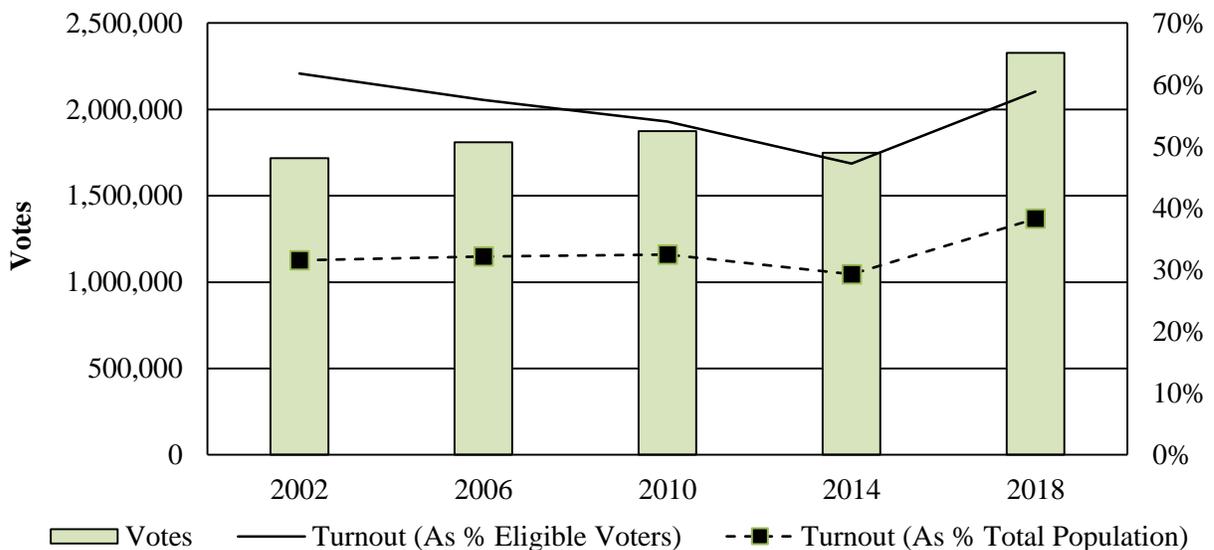
**Statewide: 24.3%**

Source: Maryland State Board of Elections

## General Election

Turnout for gubernatorial general elections since 2002 is shown in **Exhibit 4**. Official turnout increased by 24.6% compared to 2014 and grew to 59.1% of registered voters, the highest turnout since the 2002 election. Even this figure, though, masks how much larger turnout in 2018 was than other recent elections. Taken as a percent of the total population, turnout was 38.3%, the highest since at least 1990, and an increase of 30.7% over 2014.

**Exhibit 4**  
**Voter Turnout**  
**Gubernatorial General Election**  
**Calendar 2002-2018**



Source: Maryland State Board of Elections

Further, turnout was higher in each jurisdiction, as shown in **Exhibit 5**, and for all partisan affiliations and unaffiliated voters. While election data is still being processed and reviewed nationwide, it appears that turnout in Maryland was slightly above the national average and that turnout was up nationwide with some states approaching turnout levels from the 2016 presidential election.

**Exhibit 5**  
**Turnout by Jurisdiction**  
**2018 Gubernatorial General Election**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Turnout</u>
Allegany	55.8%	Harford	61.9%
Anne Arundel	60.1%	Howard	67.6%
Baltimore City	48.1%	Kent	67.0%
Baltimore	59.4%	Montgomery	63.0%
Calvert	61.1%	Prince George's	55.8%
Caroline	57.5%	Queen Anne's	64.9%
Carroll	62.6%	St. Mary's	58.0%
Cecil	54.5%	Somerset	60.2%
Charles	58.5%	Talbot	68.4%
Dorchester	58.9%	Washington	54.2%
Frederick	62.9%	Wicomico	55.5%
Garrett	57.0%	Worcester	62.4%

**Statewide: 59.1%**

Source: Maryland State Board of Elections

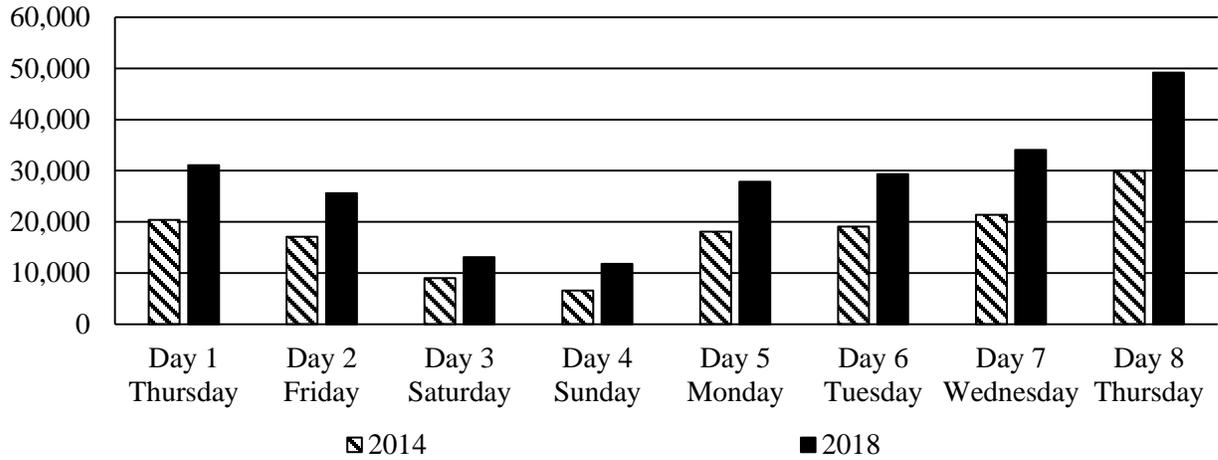
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### **3. Adoption of Early Voting Continues**

Maryland law provides for early voting in the weeks immediately prior to elections. Since the 2014 gubernatorial election, the early voting window has opened the second Thursday before Election Day and closed the next Thursday, providing eight days for early voting, including one weekend. **Exhibits 6** and **7** provide a comparison of early voting by day between the 2014 and 2018 primary and general elections, respectively. Each day of early voting in both the 2018 primary and general elections saw higher turnout than the same day in the 2014 cycle. Overall, early vote counts increased by 56.9% and 116.2%, respectively. While there were not major issues reported at early voting sites, there were limited reports of long lines at peak hours.

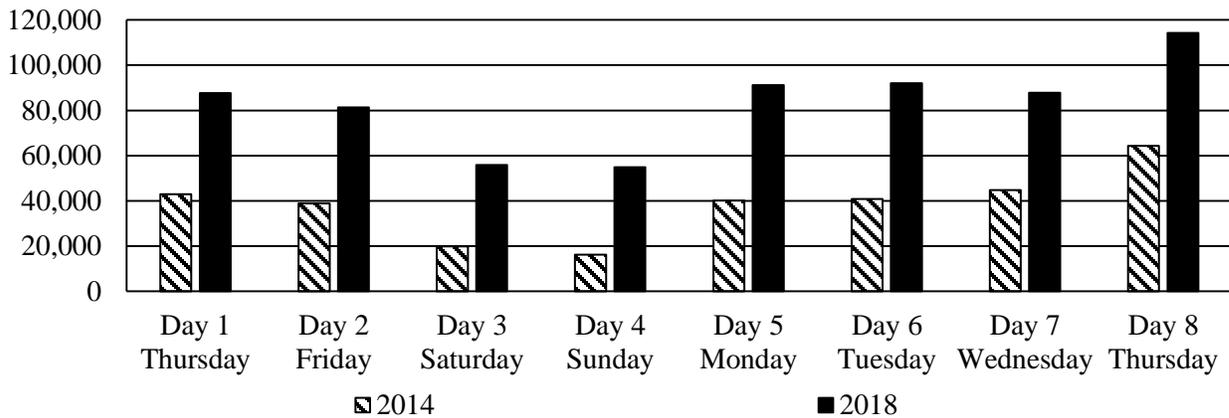
**The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends that SBE comment on how the State and LBEs are preparing for the increasing utilization of early voting.**

**Exhibit 6**  
**Early Voting**  
**Gubernatorial Primary Election**  
**2014 and 2018**



Source: Maryland State Board of Elections

**Exhibit 7**  
**Early Voting**  
**Gubernatorial General Election**  
**2014 and 2018**



Source: Maryland State Board of Elections

## **Election Issues**

### **1. Motor Vehicle Administration Fails to Send Over 80,000 Voter Updates to SBE Before Primary Election**

On June 15, 2018, 12 days before the 2018 primary election, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) discovered that, due to a code change in one of MVA's databases, 83,493 updates made by voters through MVA between April 22, 2017, and June 15, 2018, were not forwarded to SBE as expected. While all impacted voters were entitled to vote provisionally under federal law, and at least 3,538 did so, this incident was a significant breakdown in the State's voter registration system. MVA is the most common place that residents of the State register to vote and update their voting information. This error led to approximately 20% of these requests to go unprocessed for over a year.

#### **The Cause**

In testimony before a joint hearing of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Ways and Means Committees on July 13, 2018, MVA provided the following explanation for the problem. In April 2017, MVA implemented changes to its public-facing online portal as part of a customer service initiative. The purpose of the change was to allow MVA customers to begin MVA transactions online or at an MVA kiosk before completing their transaction with an MVA employee. This feature was put in place in order to reduce the time and complexity of interactions with staff at MVA.

This change in business process meant that customer applications were held in a pending status until the transaction was completed at an MVA branch or online. These pending applications cannot be processed by SBE because they have not been signed and, therefore, are not legally sufficient for voter registration purposes. To address that issue, an MVA contractor coded the system to change the status of applications from pending to complete when a transaction with MVA, such as a vehicle registration or driver's license application, was finished. However, this coding did not capture those instances in which the customer was updating their personal information or registration status but did not have additional business with MVA. In those cases, while the interaction was complete from the perspective of both MVA and the customer, the system did not forward those records to SBE.

While MVA is responsible for the error that led to this deficiency, SBE did not identify the decrease in registration activity from MVA. SBE has reported that the daily count of MVA transactions varies widely day to day (from less than 100 to more than 2,500), which obscured the decrease in transactions. Nonetheless, now that SBE is aware that an error like this may not be detected by a cursory review of transactions, additional checks should be implemented to confirm that all data is being received. SBE reported after the primary that the agency now compares data received from MVA to the number of records that MVA reports sending to ensure that SBE is receiving data on all MVA transactions.

## **The Effect**

According to an analysis conducted by SBE, over 70,000 individuals who were eligible to vote in the June 2018 primary in partisan and/or nonpartisan races were impacted by the MVA error. Of this group, SBE reports that 5,163 individuals were able to vote normally, either because they provided their voter information directly to SBE or because they were able to update their registration information (with the exception of party affiliation) as allowed by law. In addition, another 3,538 of the affected individuals submitted provisional ballots on Election Day, of which 3,205 were accepted in full or part.

This data indicated that turnout for the affected population was about 12%, less than half the overall turnout in the 2018 primary. Given that all available information indicates that the MVA error did not disproportionately impact individuals based on geography or political affiliation, it is troubling that the turnout rate was so much lower in this subset than among the general population. However, DLS is not aware that any more sophisticated statistical analysis has been done to determine whether turnout for this group was actually depressed due to this event.

**SBE should comment on how it is working with other parts of State government to ensure that the agency receives the necessary voter information on all transactions from those offices and departments.**

## **2. Precinct Level Issues**

For the 2018 general election, LBEs operated 1,991 precincts spread across 1,578 polling places (some polling places service multiple precincts). Each polling place is used for other purposes the rest of the year and is converted into a voting site immediately prior to the election, including the delivery and set-up of voting equipment, arrangement of rooms to facilitate the efficient flow of voters through the process and to ensure the secrecy of ballots, and the establishment of the appropriate legal boundaries for electioneering activity. On the day of the election, while full-time staff of LBEs and SBE run the election, most of the work is done by temporary poll workers. Under these circumstances, it is inevitable that there will be some precinct level issues.

Every instance in which there is a delay, error, or other problem represents a real voter who had more difficulty voting than they should have, and, therefore, every report is important. There were some reports of delays in the opening of precincts as well as long lines at certain locations on Election Day and in early voting, but overall voting in the 2018 election cycle went smoothly for almost all voters.

The most significant voting day issue that has been reported was several precincts in Prince George's County ran out of ballots before the polls closed. SBE reports that sufficient ballots were printed, but additional ballots had to be delivered to the impacted precincts during rush hour. In at least one voting location, it took until just before 10:30 p.m., two and one-half hours after the polls closed, for all voters to finish casting their ballots. All voters who were in line at the close of polling are entitled to vote, though some were unwilling or unable to wait so long. Precincts did not have

sufficient ballots onsite due to turnout that was much higher than expected, and, in some polling places, reported turnout exceeded the 2016 presidential election, which is unprecedented.

**Given the expectation that turnout will be historically high for the 2020 election, SBE should comment on how it will ensure that LBEs are prepared to accommodate the anticipated turnout.**

### **3. Candidacy Rules Strained**

The 2018 election cycle included several prominent circumstances in which the State's candidacy laws led to outcomes that were unsatisfactory to candidates and voters. This includes the deaths of Senator H. Wayne Norman, Jr. on March 4, 2018, and Baltimore County Executive Kevin B. Kamenetz on May 10, 2018, and the ineligibility of former Senator Nathaniel T. Oaks due to a guilty plea to two federal wire fraud charges between the primary and general elections. While the issue of whether the General Assembly should consider amendments to State election law based on this experience is beyond the scope of this analysis, there are logistical limitations to SBE's ability to change ballots that are strongly tied to agency operations that warrant discussion.

The most significant limitation is the federal requirement that ballots be mailed to overseas voters 45 days prior to Election Day. While there is a limited ability to send notice to those voters regarding candidacy changes and the practical effect of a vote for impacted candidates, this is essentially a hard deadline on any changes, even when SBE is authorized to order the printing of new ballots.

The actual production of ballots also creates logistical limitations. First, because of the paramount importance of ballot accuracy and the large number of ballot styles across the State, each ballot template undergoes extensive checking, proofreading, and testing, including a period of public review prior to the printing of ballots. This process of updating the election management system, generating new ballots, and reviewing those ballots would take a minimum of several days to complete and limits SBE's ability to make last minute changes.

SBE identified an additional obstacle regarding the actual printing of ballots. The State uses high-speed scanners to tabulate paper ballots. While this system allows local boards to quickly process millions of votes and provide preliminary results for most races on election night, these scanners are highly tuned equipment that can only function reliably with specific paper stocks. SBE has reported that it becomes difficult or impossible to source the correct kind of paper immediately prior to an election, due to high demand across the country.

In spring 2018, as a legal challenge seeking the removal of former Senator Oaks from the Democratic primary ballot for legislative district 41 moved through the courts, SBE did discuss contingency plans with its printing vendor. That vendor indicated that there was not enough of the correct paper available at any price but that a similar stock that could be run through the high-speed scanners was obtainable. However, the supplier also warned that, because the machines were not

designed for that paper, there would be a substantially higher rate of mechanical errors that would dramatically slow and complicate the tabulation process.

**DLS recommends that the committees adopt narrative expressing the intent that SBE’s ballot procurement plan ensures that additional ballot paper will be available should SBE be required to reprint ballots before an election.**

## **Fiscal 2019 Actions**

### **Proposed Deficiency**

The Governor’s budget plan for SBE includes the following deficiency appropriations:

- ***Federal Funds for Election Security:*** In March 2018, the federal Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2018 (Omnibus Budget) provided a total of \$380 million for state election security grants under the HAVA. Maryland’s total grant, which will be spent over several years, is \$7.1 million. The budget includes a \$1.5 million deficiency for the portion of these funds that will be spent in fiscal 2019.
- ***General and Special Fund Savings Due to HAVA Funding Audit:*** In calendar 2018, the federal government conducted an audit of grant awards under HAVA and determined that the State had available \$667,716 in funds that were awarded in calendar 2003 and 2004 but never spent. The committees approved a budget amendment in the first half of 2019 to appropriate the federal funds so that they could be used for costs associated with administration of the 2018 election. This deficiency appropriation withdraws general funds (\$333,858) and special funds from local jurisdictions (\$333,858) that were replaced by these federal funds.
- ***Employee Compensation:*** The fiscal 2019 budget includes funding for a 0.5% general salary increase and a \$500 bonus for qualifying employees on April 1, 2019. For this agency, these actions add \$24,754 in general funds and \$2,221 in special funds for fiscal 2019.

## **Fiscal 2020 Allowance**

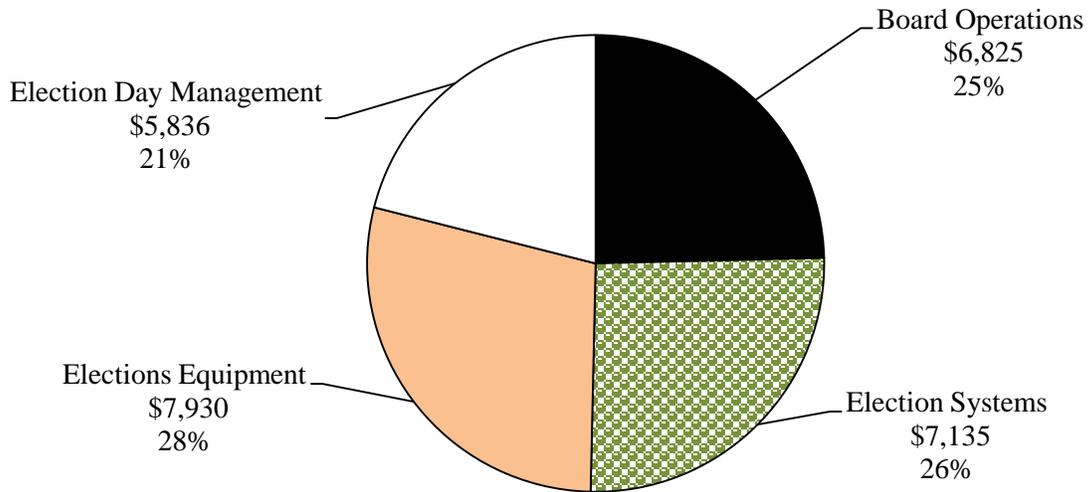
### **Overview of Agency Spending**

The majority of SBE’s budget is allocated to the direct costs of conducting elections. **Exhibit 8**, breaks the agency’s fiscal 2020 allowance into four classes of expenditures. Board Operations includes all personnel costs for SBE as well as the costs associated with the day-to-day operations of the agency. Election Systems includes the costs of developing and maintaining SBE’s election-related computer systems and federal election security grant funds. Elections Equipment includes costs directly related to voting machines and pollbooks. Finally, Election Day Management includes the logistical costs

directly associated with the conduct of the election. As the exhibit shows, about 25% of agency expenditures are for Board Operations.

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**Exhibit 8**  
**Overview of Agency Spending**  
**Fiscal 2020**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**

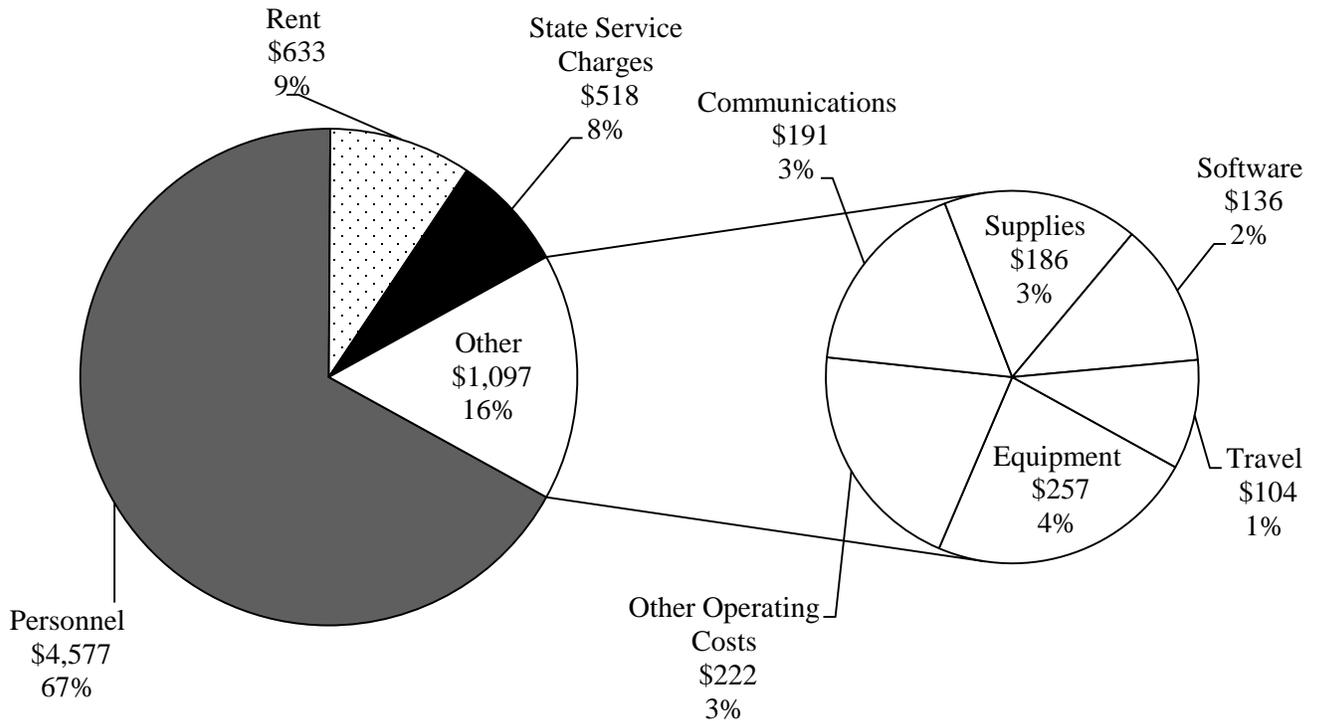


Source: Department of Legislative Services

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**Exhibit 9** breaks out the Board Operations slice of Exhibit 8. These expenditures are typical for an agency of this size, with the majority of the allocation devoted to personnel (67%), and the next largest expense being rent (9%).

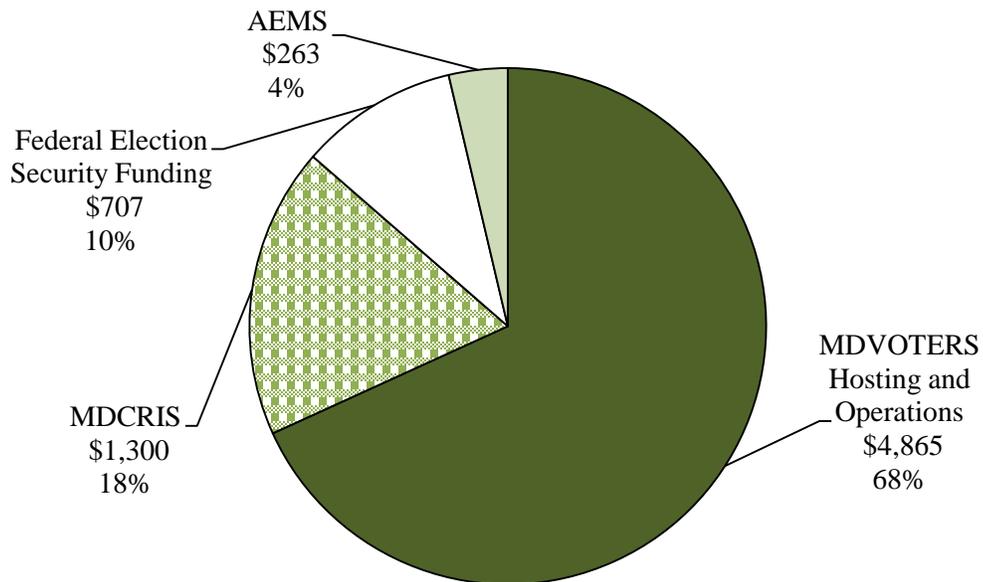
**Exhibit 9**  
**Allowance for Board Operations**  
**Fiscal 2020**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**



Source: Department of Legislative Services

The State has computer systems for voter registration, campaign finance, and election management, as shown in **Exhibit 10**. This slice of the agency’s allowance also includes federal election security funding, which will, broadly speaking, go toward protecting the State’s online system from cyber threats. MDVOTERS, the State’s voter registration system, is the most expensive system and processes the most transactions.

**Exhibit 10**  
**Allowance for Election Systems**  
**Fiscal 2020**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**



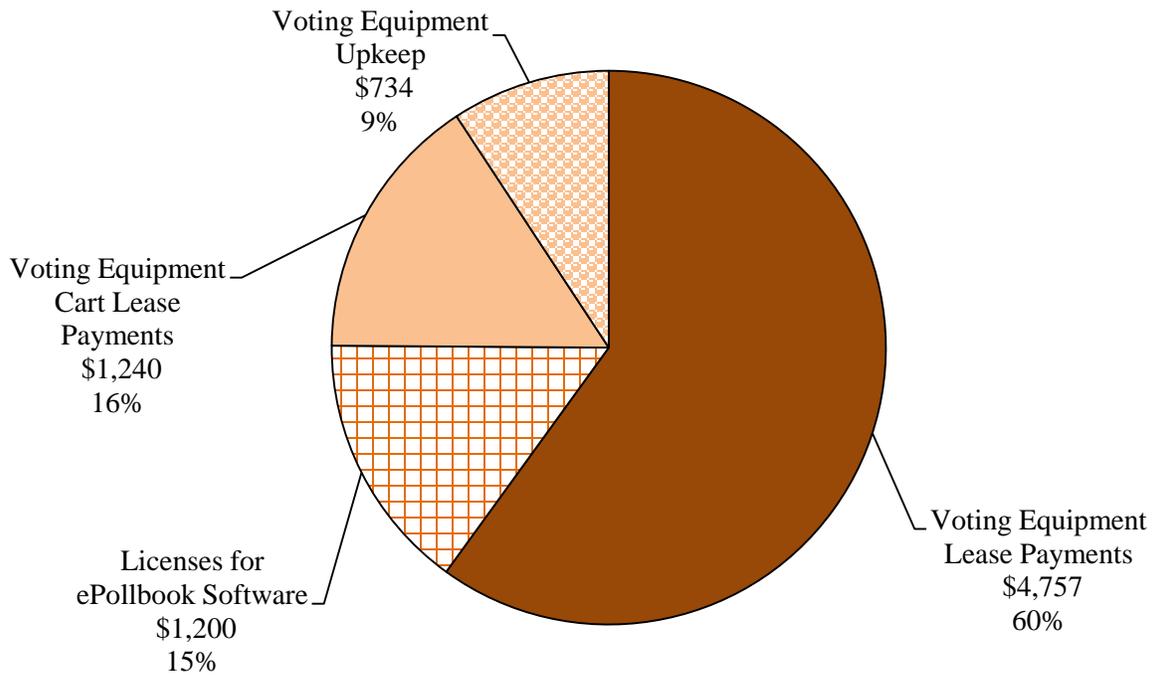
AEMS: Agency Election Management System  
MDCRIS: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System

Source: Department of Legislative Services

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The portion of the budget identified as Election Equipment is specified in **Exhibit 11**. Lease payments toward the acquisition of the State’s voting machines (carts, ballot marking devices, and scanners) account for 76% of this allocation, but there is also \$1.2 million for pollbook software licenses and \$734,105 for maintenance contracts for this equipment.

**Exhibit 11**  
**Allowance for Election Equipment**  
**Fiscal 2020**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**

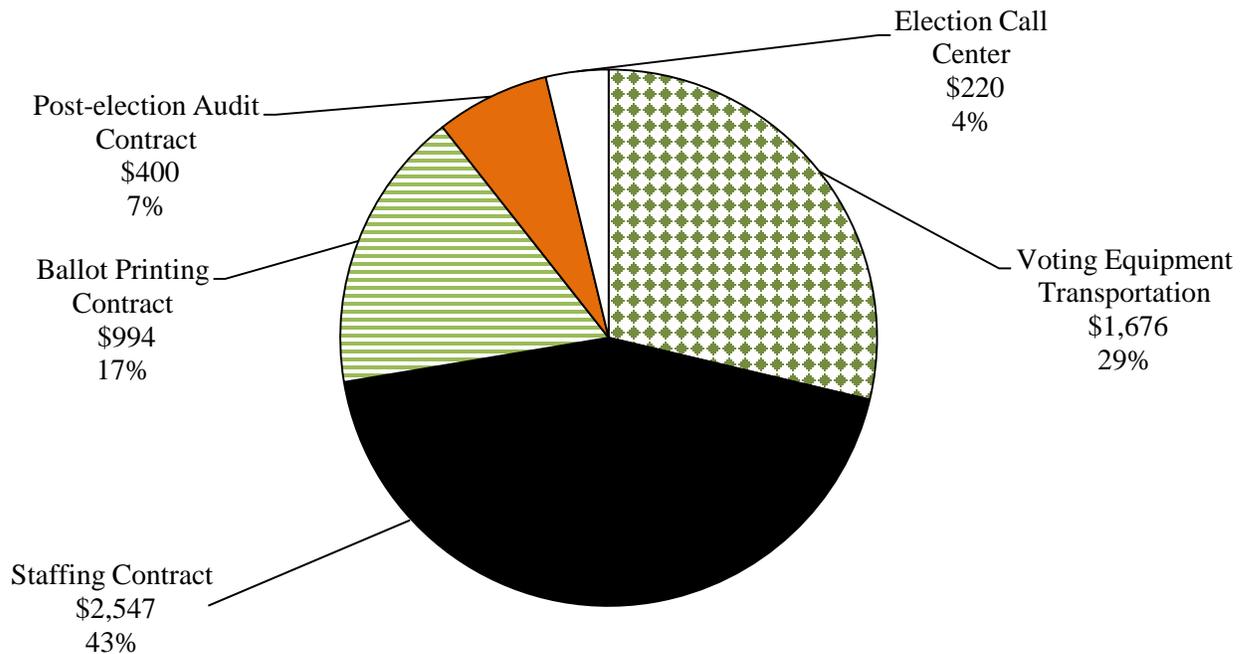


Source: Department of Legislative Services

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Finally, the Election Day Management section detail can be found in **Exhibit 12**. The largest component is the staffing contract for the recruitment, training, and payment of poll workers.

**Exhibit 12**  
**Allowance for Election Day Management**  
**Fiscal 2020**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**



Source: Department of Legislative Services

**Proposed Budget Change**

As shown in **Exhibit 13**, the fiscal 2020 allowance for SBE decreases by \$2.4 million, or 8.0%. The general fund allowance increases by \$1.1 million (9.3%), but this increase is offset by a decrease in the cost for the Agency Election Management System (AEMS) major information technology (IT) project and the fact that the budget does not include local funds for the acquisition of new pollbooks. Expenditures related to the voting system are divided evenly between the State and local governments. The local allocation is larger because local jurisdictions are also responsible for the cost of voting equipment acquisition.

**Exhibit 13**  
**Proposed Budget**  
**State Board of Elections**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**

<b>How Much It Grows:</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Fund</b>	<b>Federal Fund</b>	<b>Reimb. Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fiscal 2018 Actual	\$8,614	\$11,250	\$0	\$3,072	\$22,936
Fiscal 2019 Working Appropriation	11,865	15,442	2,198	625	30,129
Fiscal 2020 Allowance	<u>12,969</u>	<u>14,051</u>	<u>707</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,727</u>
Fiscal 2019-2020 Amount Change	\$1,104	-\$1,391	-\$1,490	-\$625	-\$2,402
Fiscal 2019-2020 Percent Change	9.3%	-9.0%	-67.8%	-100.0%	-8.0%

**Where It Goes:**

**Personnel Expenses**

3% general salary increase effective July 1, 2019 .....	\$102
Annualization of 2% general salary increase effective January 1, 2019 .....	34
Employee pension contribution .....	34
Employee and retiree health insurance .....	32
Annualization of 0.5% general salary increase effective April 1, 2019 .....	12
Impact of \$500 bonus for qualifying employees on April 1, 2019 .....	-23
Other fringe benefit adjustments .....	-23
Rebasing of positions.....	-54

**Board Operations**

Contractual employee compensation.....	170
DoIT service charges .....	153
Computer hardware .....	86
Office assistance .....	25
Rent.....	18

**Election Administration**

Campaign finance system.....	994
MDVOTERS data hosting.....	886
Perpetual license for software for current pollbooks .....	885
New staffing contract.....	795
New contract for freight company to move election equipment to and from precincts .....	268
Post-election audit contract .....	224

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**Where It Goes:**

Voting equipment lease .....	-382
Programmed expenditures of Help America Vote Act election security funding .....	-823
Maintenance for legacy Agency Election Management System .....	-1,104
Ballot printing.....	-1,012
Agency Election Management System major IT project.....	-1,013
Local purchases of new pollbooks not included in fiscal 2020 budget allowance .....	-2,682
All other.....	-4
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$2,402</b>

DoIT: Department of Information Technology  
IT: information technology

Note: Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

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**Personnel**

Personnel expenditures for SBE increase by a total of \$114,733. Statewide salary actions, including \$500 bonus for qualifying employees that was funded in fiscal 2019, have a net impact of \$126,262. This increase is partially offset by a decrease of \$54,207 due to the rebasing of positions due to turnover.

**SBE Operations**

There are two notable items related to SBE’s day-to-day administration. First, the addition of 1.5 contractual full-time equivalents (FTE) adds a total of \$170,024. This addition includes 2 0.5 FTEs for warehouse inventory specialists and 1 0.5 FTE to increase a database specialist to full time. In addition, changes to how Department of Information Technology (DoIT) services are accounted for in the budget led to a \$153,001 increase in charges to SBE.

**Election Administration**

The most significant changes in SBE’s budget are directly tied to election systems. The total allowance for these items decreases by \$3.0 million, but that includes four items that increase by more than \$750,000 and five that decrease by more than \$750,000. The discussion of these changes can broadly be divided into three points: contracts for election-related services are increasing; costs associated with the new and old AEMS are falling; and the budget does not include local funding for pollbook replacements.

### **Election Services Contracts Grow by Millions**

Since the beginning of fiscal 2018, SBE has entered into new contracts for many of the services necessary for running an election. The fiscal 2020 allowance includes significant increases for the staffing and training contract for poll workers (\$795,350), the delivery contract for the movement of voting machines to and from polling places (\$268,334), and the contracts for hosting services and development for the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System (MDCRIS) and MDVOTERS (\$993,699 and \$885,997, respectively). **SBE should discuss with the committees why the costs to procure these services are increasing, including any enhancements that might contribute to the growth.**

It is particularly concerning that the costs of MDCRIS is budgeted to increase from \$306,301 to \$1.3 million. The current contract expires on March 31, 2019, and SBE reports that the new cost estimate is based on the agency's experience procuring new contracts for MDVOTERS over the last six months. It may be the case that the State currently has a favorable contract, and it is certainly preferable that SBE be conservative in its estimate to ensure that sufficient funding is available, but the allowance quadruples the funding for this purpose, which is a large enough change to warrant caution from the committees. **DLS recommends that, given the large increase in the estimate for the support of MDCRIS, this allocation be restricted for this purpose only.**

In addition to the items identified above, the allowance includes a total of \$1.2 million in special funds for licenses for the EZ Roster software for the State's legacy pollbooks. This is an increase of \$884,978 over fiscal 2019 for this purpose. SBE reports that this increase is because the vendor, Election Systems & Software (ES&S), had informed SBE that it does not wish to continue to actively support the EZ Roster software system for the State and instead offered to provide perpetual licenses for the use and maintenance of the software. SBE has reported that, after the submission of the agency's fiscal 2020 budget request, ES&S expressed a willingness to reconsider this position and was open to continuing to provide support under an annual licensing agreement. If SBE and ES&S ultimately agree to a new annual licensing arrangement, then the fiscal 2020 costs to local governments for this purpose should be substantially less than the amount allocated to purchase the perpetual licenses.

### **Modernization of Agency Election Management System Approaches Completion**

SBE is nearing the end of a multi-year process to replace the legacy AEMS with a new system that maintains the functionality of the prior system, adds new capabilities, and improves usability. SBE had planned for the new AEMS system to be operational in time for the 2018 election, but development delays necessitated the use of the old system. This required that SBE keep the legacy system fully operational longer than had been anticipated. Maintaining the legacy system through the 2018 election cost \$1.1 million in fiscal 2019, but there is no funding for this purpose in fiscal 2020.

SBE reports that the new AEMS project is moving into the final stages of development and testing, and there will be a mock election to test the new system in May 2019. Despite the delays, if the remainder of the work on the project goes well, the system should be ready for the 2020 election. Development costs in the IT master plan for the new AEMS project decrease from \$1.3 million to \$525,000. That cost is borne evenly by the State and the local election boards. The State general fund

portion of the cost is included in the budget for DoIT and will be transferred by budget amendment after the start of the fiscal year.

**The Decrease in SBE’s Allowance Is Illusory Because the Budget Does Not Include Funding for New Pollbooks**

The State is in the process of replacing its system of electronic pollbooks. These purchases, with a total estimated cost of \$8.1 million, are being funded by the local jurisdictions and during the fiscal 2019 budget cycle the local election boards determined that they preferred to use the State Treasurer’s Office’s (STO) capital lease program to fund these acquisitions from fiscal 2019 to 2021. To that end, the fiscal 2019 working appropriation includes \$2.6 million for this purpose. The fiscal 2020 allowance does not include these funds, and SBE reports that, while it still intends to fund the acquisition using the STO capital lease program, it has not yet done so. Because this procurement will not require general funds, if it does proceed in fiscal 2020, the funds can be appropriated by budget amendment after the start of the fiscal year. Had these funds been included in fiscal 2020, the agency’s all fund allowance would have increased by \$279,627 (0.9%). **SBE should comment on the status of this project and when the agency anticipates that the new pollbooks will be deployed.**

## ***Issues***

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### **1. Ballot Marking Device Problems Approaching Resolution**

Since the State reintroduced paper ballots in 2015 and 2016, SBE has offered ballot-marking devices (BMD) for voters with disabilities. As the name suggests, these machines assist voters by marking a paper ballot based on entries recorded with a touchscreen. The return to hand-marked paper ballots necessitates that each early voting site and Election Day polling place have a BMD available for voters. For the 2016 presidential election, SBE implemented a policy that was intended to ensure access and protect the secrecy of ballots for all voters at early voting sites. That policy would have required that all early voters use a BMD to mark their ballots.

It was quickly discovered that the layout of the touchscreen display had a serious flaw. The screen could only display seven candidates for a contest at once and required that the voter navigate across multiple screens with more than seven candidates. This problem was compounded by confusion with the navigation button that made it difficult for voters to determine whether they were navigating between contests or among candidates for a single contest. The potential for confusion led SBE to alter its policy to minimize the number of voters using BMDs at early voting sites. This new policy ameliorated the shortcomings of the BMD software but brought the secrecy of the ballot for those still using the BMDs into doubt.

SBE intended to resolve the problem with its software vendor prior to the 2018 election, but the vendor was unable to do so before the election, to the great concern of the General Assembly. As a result, the budget committees requested that SBE submit two reports on the issue. First, SBE submitted a report on July 30, 2018, further explaining the board decision to limit the use of BMDs and an update on January 18, 2019, on progress with the vendor toward a resolution of the underlying issues. SBE reported in January 2019 that the vendor has developed software updates that should resolve both navigation issues and that those updates should be implemented for the 2020 election cycle, which would allow the board to implement its original policy and require all early voters to use BMDs.

### **2. State Receives Federal Funds to Improve Election Security**

In March 2018, the Omnibus Budget provided a total of \$380 million for HAVA grants to states to improve election security. Maryland's total grant, which will be spent over several years, is \$7.1 million. While these funds are granted to each state according to a formula established in HAVA, the state was required to submit documentation to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) on how the funds will be used and to provide a 5% match in state funds.

The committees requested that SBE provide a report identifying how the funds would be used by the State. In August 2018, SBE provided to the committees the materials the agency submitted to EAC in order to receive the State's grant allocation. In that document, SBE identified four broad ways that the State will use these funds:

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- financing upgrades to more secure equipment (\$1.1 million);
- identification and mitigation of cyber vulnerabilities (\$3.5 million);
- cybersecurity training for State election officials (\$1.5 million); and
- improvements to SBE’s incident management plan (\$500,000).

The Governor’s budget plan includes a deficiency appropriation of \$1.5 million for the portion of this grant that was expended in support of the 2018 election and an additional \$707,300 for fiscal 2020. For both years, this spending plan includes security reviews, equipment upgrades, and staff training.

**The agency should discuss with the committees the steps that it is taking to protect State elections from interference and how these federal funds will support that effort.**

## ***Operating Budget Recommended Actions***

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1. Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$1,300,000 of this appropriation made for the support of the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System may be expended only for that purpose. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

**Explanation:** This action restricts \$1.3 million in general funds to be used only for the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System (MDCRIS). The State Board of Elections will be procuring new hosting and development contracts for MDCRIS in calendar 2019, and the fiscal 2020 allowance includes an additional \$1.0 million for this purpose, four times the fiscal 2019 working appropriation for the current contract. The funds are restricted due to the large increase in the estimated cost.

2. Adopt the following narrative:

**Preparation for Ballot Reprinting:** It is the intent of the budget committees that the State Board of Elections' ballot procurement process ensures that appropriate paper stock will be available should ballots in all or part of the State need to be reprinted prior to an election.

## ***Updates***

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### **1. Fair Campaign Finance Fund**

One gubernatorial candidate in the 2018 primary election applied for and was qualified to receive public funding from the Fair Campaign Finance Fund. SBE reports that a total of \$311,412 was distributed during the 2018 cycle and that the fund balance as of November 26, 2018, was \$3.1 million.

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**Appendix 1**  
**Current and Prior Year Budgets**  
**State Board of Elections**  
**(\$ in Thousands)**

	<b><u>General</u></b> <b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Special</u></b> <b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Federal</u></b> <b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Reimb.</u></b> <b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Fiscal 2018</b>					
Legislative Appropriation	\$7,488	\$12,041	\$85	\$0	\$19,613
Deficiency/Withdrawn Appropriation	440	484	0	0	924
Cost Containment	0	0	0	0	0
Budget Amendments	699	0	0	3,537	4,236
Reversions and Cancellations	-13	-1,274	-85	-466	-1,838
<b>Actual</b> <b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,614</b>	<b>\$11,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,072</b>	<b>\$22,936</b>
<b>Fiscal 2019</b>					
Legislative Appropriation	\$12,142	\$15,770	\$0	\$0	\$27,913
Budget Amendments	31	3	668	625	1,327
<b>Working</b> <b>Appropriation</b>	<b>\$12,174</b>	<b>\$15,773</b>	<b>\$668</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$29,240</b>

Note: The fiscal 2019 appropriation does not include deficiencies, a one-time \$500 bonus, or general salary increases. Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

## **Fiscal 2018**

The State Board of Elections (SBE) closed fiscal 2018 \$3.3 million in all funds above the legislative appropriation. A number of adjustments impacted final agency expenditures, but this increase is largely attributable to the realignment of expenditures for SBE major information technology (IT) projects authorized in the 2017 budget.

### **General Fund**

Actual general fund expenditures were \$1.1 million above the legislative appropriation. Adjustments included:

- budget amendments increased the appropriation by a net of \$698,878; \$703,727 was transferred from the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and had been appropriated for SBE’s major IT projects. The fiscal 2017 Budget Bill authorized their usage to support the operations of existing SBE IT systems. This was offset by a budget amendment that eliminated \$4,849 as part of a statewide realignment of telecommunications expenditures;
- deficiency appropriations increased the appropriation by a total of \$489,006 to purchase voting equipment for the 2018 election (\$239,301) and for software licenses (\$249,705), and the appropriation was reduced by \$48,630 to reflect lower health insurance costs under a provision in the fiscal 2018 Budget Bill; and
- unspent funds totaling \$12,736 were reverted.

### **Special Funds**

Actual special fund expenditures were \$790,672 below the legislative appropriation. This decrease is attributable to the cancellation of \$1.3 million for IT projects due to project timing and actual costs. There was also a further reduction of \$5,247 for health insurance included in the fiscal 2018 Budget Bill. These decreases were offset by two deficiency appropriations totaling \$489,007 to purchase voting equipment for the 2018 election (\$239,301) and for software licenses (\$249,706).

### **Federal Funds**

SBE had no federal fund expenditures in fiscal 2018. Funds of \$85,000 available under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) were appropriated, but the entire amount was canceled.

### **Reimbursable Funds**

The legislative appropriation included no reimbursable funds, but the 2017 budget authorized the transfer by budget amendment of funds appropriated in DoIT for SBE’s major IT projects. A total

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of \$3.5 million was transferred by budget amendment, of which \$3.1 million was expended and \$465,809 was canceled.

**Fiscal 2019**

To date, three actions have adjusted the fiscal 2019 legislative appropriation:

- a budget amendment added \$31,377 in general funds and \$3,096 in special funds for the 2% general salary increase effective January 1, 2019;
- a budget amendment added \$667,716 in federal funds to provide general election support. These funds became available due to a federal audit of state HAVA grants. That audit determined that these funds had been granted to the State, but never spent; and
- a budget amendment added \$625,000 in reimbursable funds from the Major Information Technology Development Project Fund to support the Agency Election Management System project.

**Appendix 2**  
**Major Information Technology Projects**  
**State Board of Elections**  
**Agency Election Management System Modernization Project**

<b>Project Status</b>	Implementation.	<b>New/Ongoing Project:</b>	Ongoing.					
<b>Project Description:</b>	The State Board of Elections (SBE) has set out to redevelop the ballot functionality of the current legacy Agency Election Management System (AEMS) on a new platform. The AEMS modernization project will provide all existing capabilities of the legacy system, add new capabilities, and ensure more user friendliness and flexibility. Some new potential features of the new AEMS will include enhanced reporting, the ability to consolidate precincts, ballot definition prior to candidate filing, and multilanguage translation. Additionally, the upgraded AEMS system will provide a more economical and sustainable platform and reduce risk due to better management control. It will also offer control over the changes to the application functionality and the system data.							
<b>Project Business Goals:</b>	The AEMS modernization project will preserve the ability of SBE to meet several elements of its stated mission. It will ensure uniformity of election practices, promote fair and equitable elections, and report election-related data accurately in a form that is accessible to the public.							
<b>Estimated Total Project Cost:</b>	\$4,532,650	<b>Estimated Planning Project Cost:</b>	\$1,157,812					
<b>Project Start Date:</b>	May 2017	<b>Projected Completion Date:</b>	July 2019					
<b>Schedule Status:</b>	Planning was completed in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. Implementation has been delayed approximately seven months with anticipated completed in July 2019. This delay will not impact agency operations because the system is not needed until after the estimated completion date.							
<b>Cost Status:</b>	The cost estimate has decreased by \$1.0 million to reflect completion in fiscal 2020 rather than 2022.							
<b>Scope Status:</b>	Due to project delays in fiscal 2017 and the necessity of having the AEMS operational for the 2018 election, the legacy system had to be maintained longer than planned. Included in the fiscal 2019 working appropriation is \$1.1 million for this purpose.							
<b>Project Management Oversight Status:</b>	The fiscal 2020 allowance includes \$50,000 for Department of Information Technology oversight.							
<b>Identifiable Risks:</b>	The project request identifies funding, resource availability, supportability, and flexibility as high risks; objectives, interdependencies, and organizational culture as medium risks; and sponsorship, technical, and user interface as low risks.							
<b>Additional Comments:</b>	n/a.							
<b>Fiscal Year Funding (\$ in Thousands)</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>Balance to Complete</b>	<b>Total</b>
Personnel Services	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Professional and Outside Services	3,967.7	525.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,532.7
Other Expenditures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$3,697.7</b>	<b>\$525.0</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$4,532.7</b>

**Appendix 3  
Object/Fund Difference Report  
State Board of Elections**

<u>Object/Fund</u>	<u>FY 18 Actual</u>	<u>FY 19 Working Appropriation</u>	<u>FY 20 Allowance</u>	<u>FY 19 - FY 20 Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
<b>Positions</b>					
01 Regular	41.80	41.80	41.80	0.00	0%
02 Contractual	0.38	1.88	3.38	1.50	79.8%
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>42.18</b>	<b>43.68</b>	<b>45.18</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Objects</b>					
01 Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,824,046	\$ 4,146,061	\$ 4,169,004	\$ 22,943	0.6%
02 Technical and Spec. Fees	80,472	134,274	309,298	175,024	130.3%
03 Communication	397,276	467,315	190,956	-276,359	-59.1%
04 Travel	129,026	135,925	104,300	-31,625	-23.3%
07 Motor Vehicles	1,144	1,430	1,195	-235	-16.4%
08 Contractual Services	12,444,865	14,486,193	15,776,415	1,290,222	8.9%
09 Supplies and Materials	213,885	185,195	186,246	1,051	0.6%
10 Equipment – Replacement	3,178,392	9,012,340	6,124,472	-2,887,868	-32.0%
11 Equipment – Additional	1,344,591	0	47,500	47,500	N/A
12 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	649,999	0	0	0	0.0%
13 Fixed Charges	672,233	670,982	698,563	27,581	4.1%
<b>Total Objects</b>	<b>\$ 22,935,929</b>	<b>\$ 29,239,715</b>	<b>\$ 27,607,949</b>	<b>-\$ 1,631,766</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>Funds</b>					
01 General Fund	\$ 8,614,035	\$ 12,173,614	\$ 12,858,925	\$ 685,311	5.6%
03 Special Fund	11,250,302	15,773,385	14,041,724	-1,731,661	-11.0%
05 Federal Fund	0	667,716	707,300	39,584	5.9%
09 Reimbursable Fund	3,071,592	625,000	0	-625,000	-100.0%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 22,935,929</b>	<b>\$ 29,239,715</b>	<b>\$ 27,607,949</b>	<b>-\$ 1,631,766</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>

Note: The fiscal 2019 appropriation does not include deficiencies, a one-time \$500 bonus, or general salary increases. The fiscal 2020 allowance does not include general salary increases.

**Appendix 4  
Fiscal Summary  
State Board of Elections**

<u>Program/Unit</u>	<u>FY 18 Actual</u>	<u>FY 19 Wrk Approp</u>	<u>FY 20 Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>FY 19 - FY 20 % Change</u>
01 General Administration	\$ 4,521,346	\$ 4,539,681	\$ 5,786,616	\$ 1,246,935	27.5%
02 Help America Vote Act	12,865,629	23,425,034	21,558,833	-1,866,201	-8.0%
03 Major IT Development Projects	5,548,954	1,275,000	262,500	-1,012,500	-79.4%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 22,935,929</b>	<b>\$ 29,239,715</b>	<b>\$ 27,607,949</b>	<b>-\$ 1,631,766</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
General Fund	\$ 8,614,035	\$ 12,173,614	\$ 12,858,925	\$ 685,311	5.6%
Special Fund	11,250,302	15,773,385	14,041,724	-1,731,661	-11.0%
Federal Fund	0	667,716	707,300	39,584	5.9%
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 19,864,337</b>	<b>\$ 28,614,715</b>	<b>\$ 27,607,949</b>	<b>-\$ 1,006,766</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>
Reimbursable Fund	\$ 3,071,592	\$ 625,000	\$ 0	-\$ 625,000	-100.0%
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 22,935,929</b>	<b>\$ 29,239,715</b>	<b>\$ 27,607,949</b>	<b>-\$ 1,631,766</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>

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## Memorandum

**To:** State Board Members  
**From:** Jared DeMarinis  
**Date:** February 11, 2019  
**Re:** Final Adoption of Regulations

At the next board meeting, I will present for final adoption proposed changes to the following COMAR provision<sup>1</sup> (see enclosure):

- 33.13 -Campaign Financing
  - .01 (Definitions)
  - .07 (Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media)
    - .01 (Definitions)
    - .02 (Requirements)
  - .10 (Prohibitions)
    - .02 (Prohibited Contributions)
  - .15 (Political Action Committees)
    - .13 (*Merges and Acquisitions*)
  - .17 Participating Organizations
    - .01 (Scope and *Definitions*)
    - .02 (Registration)
  - .19 (*Expenditures and Disbursements*)
    - .01 (*Scope*)
    - .02 (*Polls*)
    - .03 (*Mailing List*)
    - .04 (*Voter File Access*)
  - .20 (*Contributions by Employee Membership and Membership Entities*)
    - .01 (*Definitions*)
    - .02 (*Non-Contribution Disbursements*)
  - .22 (*Legal Expenses*)
    - .01 (*Scope*)
    - .02 (*Establishment*)

<sup>1</sup> Italicized text is new section or language.

- .03 (*Management*)
- .04 (*Reporting*)
- .05 (*Applicability of Contribution Limits*)
- .06 (*Permissible Uses*)
- .07 (*Prohibitions*)

The proposed changes to the regulations were adopted at the August 2018 meeting. They were published in the October 12, 2018 edition of the *Maryland Register* (Vol. 45, Issue 21), and the public comment period closed on November 12, 2018. No public comments were received on the proposed changes to Subtitles 13, Chapters 1, 10, 19, 20, or 22. Subtitle 13, Chapters 7, 15, and 17 received 1 public comment from Mr. Ralph Watkins. The comment provides that the proposed regulation could be tightened for its limited application—namely the legitimate merger of business entities and unions. I recommend adoption with the next round of edits to narrow the scope of the regulations.

I have attached the memo dated August 23, 2018 to the Board detailing the changes in regulations once adopted as final. Please note that this memo includes changes to Subtitle 13, Chapter 21, however, the Board decided at the August meeting to hold off on adopting those regulations until the October meeting.

If you have any questions before the next meeting, please contact me. I will, of course, be available at the board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment.

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## Memorandum

**To:** Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
February 12, 2019  
  
House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Public Safety and Administration  
February 13, 2019

**From:** Linda H. Lamone, State Administrator of Elections

**Subject:** Response to Department of Legislative Services' FY 2020 Budget Analysis

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Department of Legislative Services' (DLS) analysis of the State Board of Elections' (SBE) Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

### Issues Raised in the Department of Legislative Services' Analysis

1. ***SBE should comment on how the State and LBEs are preparing for the increasing utilization of early voting.*** (page 9)

As expected, early voting – as a percentage of total turnout – has increased since it was introduced in Maryland in 2010. This is consistent with trends around the country, and we expect the percentage of voters who vote during early voting will continue to increase for the next several elections.

Planning for the continued popularity of early voting means that the facilities used for early voting must be able to accommodate the increasing number of voters and each early voting center must have an appropriate number of election judges, voting equipment, and other supplies to facilitate voting by these voters. Finding facilities with adequate space that are available for exclusive use for eight days and recruiting enough election judges to staff the early voting centers are significant challenges for the local boards.

House Bill 79 of the 2019 Legislative Session proposes to increase the number of early voting centers and require the location of early voting centers to “maximize geographic dispersal”<sup>1</sup> for the voters of each county. Providing more early voting centers is one way to prepare for more participation during early voting. Another way is to increase the capacity of each early voting center by using larger facilities and deploying more equipment. As noted above, however, finding available larger facilities is not always an

<sup>1</sup> Proposed early voting centers must now meet certain population density requirements. If a county has one early voting center, 50% of the voters in that county must live within 10 miles of the early voting center. If a county has more than one early voting center, 80% of the voters in that county must live within five miles of one of the county's early voting centers.

option. SBE and the local boards will continue to provide enough equipment and supplies to facilitate expanded early voting.

**2. *SBE should comment on how it is working with other parts of State government to ensure that the agency receives the necessary voter information on all transactions from those offices and departments.*** (page 12)

With the July 1, 2019, implementation of the Secure and Accessible Registration Act (Chapter 19 of the *2018 Laws of Maryland* (Senate Bill 1048)), we will use with electronic voter registration agencies the audit model jointly implemented by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and SBE. This model includes requiring each electronic voter registration agency to perform audits to verify that all of the records that should have been sent were sent and tell us how many records are transmitted in each file. These audits will confirm that the correct data is being transferred to and received by SBE. SBE's existing voter registration audit procedures will confirm that the appropriate local board processed the transactions from the electronic voter registration agencies.

**3. *SBE should comment on how it will ensure that LBEs are prepared to accommodate the anticipated turnout.*** (page 13)

Before each election, SBE and the local boards collaborate to estimate voter turnout. This estimate is based on various factors, including voter turnout trends, the competitiveness of contests on the ballot, any contests on the ballot without an incumbent candidate, and the public's level of interest in questions on the ballot. Because this estimate is then used for planning, State and local election officials typically overestimate turnout to ensure that adequate supplies and resources are available.

As is our practice, we will work with the local boards to estimate voter turnout for the 2020 Primary and General Elections. This data will be used to guide voting equipment allocation, printing of ballots and other supplies, recruiting and assigning election judges, verifying that voting locations are sufficient, and establishing support for SBE's call center. We will also work with the local boards to verify that an adequate supply of ballots and other supplies are deployed, develop solutions to track ballot usage during voting hours, and develop strategies for more rapid deployment of necessary supplies during voting hours.

**4. *DLS recommends the adoption of a narrative expressing the intent that SBE's ballot procurement plan ensures that additional ballot paper will be available should SBE be required to reprint ballots before an election.*** (page 14)

One of the lessons of the 2018 election cycle was that many key deadlines in the Election Law Article are no longer viable. While State and local election officials have always met the federal requirement that ballots must be transmitted to requesting military and overseas voters no later than 45 days before an election, deadlines for preceding tasks are not properly timed and result in an unworkable schedule<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> For example, the deadline to challenge the content and arrangement of the ballot is a mere five days before the federal deadline to transmit ballots to military and overseas voters. See Election Law Article, §§ 9-207(a)(2) and 9-209(a). This means that a voter could challenge the content and arrangement of the ballots and a court could decide the challenge *after* the ballots have been printed and likely after their transmission to our military and overseas voters.

Since the process of defining ballot content and designing and proofing ballots is a multi-week process and cannot be restarted just weeks before an election, the Election Law Article should reflect that reality. Legislation changing deadlines associated with candidacy and ballots and resolving the various conflicts of current law is expected shortly. Under the new calendar, a change to the ballot **must** occur before ballot printing begins. This means that additional ballot paper would not be needed because the ballot paper would still be blank.

If the committees decide to adopt the proposed narrative and the expected legislation is not enacted, SBE would need additional funds to procure and store additional ballot paper in the unlikely event that ballots are reprinted before an election<sup>3</sup>. If the additional paper was purchased for but not used in the 2018 General Election, it can only be stored for approximately one year before becoming unsuitable as ballot paper. As SBE does not have the capacity to store in a climate-controlled environment this quantity of paper, SBE would be required to pay for storage.

5. ***SBE should discuss why the costs to procure these services are increasing, including any enhancements that might contribute to the growth*** (page 22)  
Staffing Contract

We expect that the local boards will request more support for the 2020 Primary and General Elections than they did for the 2018 General Election<sup>4</sup>. The expected increase in support is due to extra technical support<sup>5</sup> needed in a presidential election cycle (as compared with a gubernatorial election cycle) and a change in how election judges are trained<sup>6</sup>. We also plan to conduct centralized training of these technical resources. Although this plan will increase travel expenses for these individuals, we will be able to assess the abilities of these individuals before they are deployed to the local boards, provide more hands-on training, and resolve scheduling conflicts that occurred when the training was conducted at the local boards' facilities.

Transportation Contract

SBE's FY 2019 budget request for transportation services was an estimate as the budget was submitted before the transportation contract had been finalized. The transportation costs for the 2018 General Election were \$1,611,300. SBE's FY 2020 budget request for transportation services for the 2020 Primary Election is \$1,671,990. The difference

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<sup>3</sup> In the 2018 General Election, SBE's ballot printer printed 11.2 million sheets of paper. If the proposed narrative was in effect for that election, SBE would have needed an additional 11.2 million sheets of paper or a total of 22.4 million sheets. The cost of this additional paper would have been \$672,000 (\$0.06 per sheet of ballot paper).

<sup>4</sup> Typically, we ask the local boards for their staffing needs about six to eight months before an election. Although we have not yet surveyed the local boards about the 2020 elections, our expectations are based on lessons learned from the 2018 election cycle and discussions with the local boards.

<sup>5</sup> The local boards can use this contract to obtain individuals to serve as LBE Technicians, LBE Support Technicians, Logic and Accuracy Testers, and Field Support during early voting and on election day. LBE Technicians and LBE Support Technicians provide on-site technical support starting up to 10 weeks before election day, while Logic and Accuracy Testers perform the pre-election accuracy tests on voting equipment.

<sup>6</sup> Historically, election judge training was conducted "lecture style" with some hands-on training. For the 2020 elections, we expect that the "lecture style" training will be replaced with complete hands-on training. This training method better prepare election judges for their service but requires more trainers (at least three per class) than the traditional lecture style training (one to two trainers per class).

between the FY 19 actual expenditures and the FY 2020 budget request is the 3.7% increase authorized in the contract.

MDVOTERS and MD CRIS contracts

In the past, the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) issued findings related to “bundled” contracts and recommended dividing into separate contracts contracts with different tasks. OLA noted in its audit report that unbundling contracts would increase competition. It was for this reason why we divided the hosting and maintenance of the MD CRIS and MDVOTERS systems into two contracts – one for hosting the system and one for software maintenance.

Based on the procurement of the MD CRIS hosting contract, it appears that that cost of hosting this type of system has increased since the procurement of our current contracts. Additionally, we incorporated into this procurement best practices for hosting and securing IT systems, expanded capacity, and increased technical support, all of which may also contribute to the increased cost for hosting and securing MD CRIS.

Since the MDVOTERS contracts (hosting and software maintenance) expire on December 31, 2019, we will issue this year procurements for the hosting and software maintenance of this system. As we did for the MD CRIS procurements, we intend to incorporate best practices for hosting and securing IT systems.

**6. *SBE should comment on the status of the new pollbook project and when the new pollbooks are expected to be deployed.*** (page 23)

The vendor is scheduled to deliver a prototype of the new hardware no later than March 30, 2019. After comprehensive testing of the prototype in April 2019, we will decide whether to use the new hardware in the 2020 elections. We are currently evaluating alternate options in case we decide not to use the new hardware.

**7. *SBE should discuss the steps it is taking to protect State elections from interference and how these federal funds will support that effort.*** (page 25)

Election security is and will continue to be a priority for State and local election officials in Maryland as we strive to keep our election systems and data as secure as possible. We protect the systems and data with industry accepted best practices for critical information systems. From the voter registration process to the voting process to the posting of election results, we have ways to protect, monitor, test, and restore the systems and processes and are constantly looking for ways to enhance how we protect these systems and respond to new risks.

Our partnerships with State, federal and private sector security experts is working. The rapid evolution of physical and cyber risks requires that we be constantly vigilant, sharing information with federal, State and private sector partners, and holding vendors to tough standards of accountability. While there is no evidence of security breaches at this time, we are and will continue to utilize every appropriate and available resource to safeguard our election system from malicious intent.

The federal funds for election security will enhance our ability to safeguard our election systems and data. We plan to hire an election security team to develop short, medium, and

long term recommendations to enhance how we protect the systems and data, continue to implement best practices for information systems (e.g., requiring multi-factor authentication), update equipment and software, conduct information security training and hands-on disaster recovery exercises, and perform recommended security assessments.

The federal funds will enable Maryland's elections community to build on its already strong cyber posture and enhance the existing ways we protect, monitor, test, and restore election systems and data.

**Recommended Actions** (page 26)

1. SBE agrees with the proposed restriction of funds for MD CRIS, the online campaign finance filing system.
2. For the reasons stated above, SBE advises that the committees consider the fiscal impact and election calendar before adopting the proposed narrative.

**Current Status 2019 Regular Session - For Tracking list: Election (All Bills) - Created on: 03/28/2019 02:03 a.m.**

<b>Number/ Chapter (Cross File) Total: 86</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Primary Sponsor</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB0026</u></a>	Baltimore City - Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Lierman</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 1/17/2019 - 11:00 a.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0067</u></a>	Potomac Compact for Fair Representation	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Reznik</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by House Rules and Executive Nominations	<a href="#"><u>Rules and Executive Nominations</u></a> 3/4/2019 - 2:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0071</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0184</u></a> )	State Board of Elections - Open Meetings - Video Streaming and Recording (State Board of Elections Transparency Act)	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Korman</u></a>	Second Reading Passed	<a href="#"><u>Health and Government Operations</u></a> 2/5/2019 - 2:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0079</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0461</u></a> )	Election Law – Early Voting Centers – Establishment	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Luedtke</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>HB0147</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0535</u></a> )	Election Law - Local Public Campaign Financing - Boards of Education	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Moon</u></a>	Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0171</u></a>	Elections - Campaign Finance Entities - Termination and Filing of Final Campaign Finance Report	<a href="#"><u>Chair, Ways and Means Committee</u></a>	Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>HB0208</u></a>	Campaign Finance - Death of Elected Official - Transfer of Funds to Slate Account	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Reilly</u></a>	Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0210</u></a>	Campaign Finance - Campaign Committee of Deceased Elected Official - Transfer to Appointed Spouse	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Reilly</u></a>	Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>HB0322</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB0606)</u></a>	Election Law - References to Absentee Voting in Public Communications - Voting by Mail	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Palakovich Carr</u></a>	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0346</u></a>	Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Elected Voting Members	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Glenn</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB0382</u></a>	Election Law - Absentee and Provisional Ballots - Status Information	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Washington</u></a>	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>HB0577</u></a>	Election Law – County Employee Service as Election Judge – Administrative Leave	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Shoemaker</u></a>	Hearing 3/28 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0578</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB0782)</u></a>	Election Law - Early Voting - Reporting of Precinct Results	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Stein</u></a>	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/19/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB0590</u></a>	Howard County Board of Education – Election of Members Ho. Co. 01–19	<a href="#"><u>Howard County Delegation</u></a>	Second Reading Passed	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/21/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>HB0996</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0304</u></a> )	Election Law - Absentee Ballot Deposit Boxes	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Cain</u></a>	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 2/26/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB1014</u></a>	Campaign Finance - Disclosure of Donations - Reporting Requirements	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Mosby</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB1017</u></a>	Maryland Small Donor Incentive Act	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Mosby</u></a>	Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 3/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>HB1035</u></a>	Election Law - Websites - Reporting of Politically Biased Algorithms	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Fisher, M.</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 3/5/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB1077</u></a> ( <a href="#"><u>SB0920</u></a> )	Talbot County - Alcoholic Beverages - Election Days	<a href="#"><u>Talbot County Delegation</u></a>	First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>Economic Matters</u></a> 2/22/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB1130</u></a>	Election Law – Campaign Contributions – Prohibition	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Ivey</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB1321</u></a>	Campaign Finance - Prohibition of Video Lottery Contributions - Repeal	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Walker</u></a>	Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Ways and Means</u></a> 3/12/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
<a href="#"><u>HB1328</u></a>	Election Law - Electioneering Boundary Line	<a href="#"><u>Delegate Boteler</u></a>	First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations	<a href="#"><u>Rules and Executive Nominations</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>SB0032</u></a>	Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Reduced Days of Operation	<a href="#"><u>Senator Benson</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a>
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<a href="#"><u>SB0385</u></a>	Election Law - Primary Elections - Voting by Unaffiliated Voters	<a href="#"><u>Senator Zirkin</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/21/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>SB0582</u></a>	Election Law - Presidential Elections - Voting by Electors	<a href="#"><u>Senator Ferguson</u></a>	Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/28/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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<a href="#"><u>SB0651</u></a>	Election Law - Local Boards of Elections - Membership	<a href="#"><u>Senator Young</u></a>	Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.	<a href="#"><u>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</u></a> 2/28/2019 - 1:00 p.m.
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The following comments are offered on my own behalf and not as a representative of the League of Women Voters of Maryland. The League has not adopted positions regarding the details of campaign finance disclosure in web publications. I consulted an attorney with knowledge of website functions to assist in developing the following comments.

Chapter 07.02 D (2)(b)(i)(b) amended (i) refers to an icon that “opens a page, window or overlay that prominently displays . . .”

If an “overlay is a pop-up, this might not be effective because so many people use pop-up blockers.

Chapter 15.13 - Mergers and acquisitions

Not attributing prior contributions of a political action committee after a merger or acquisition could be subject to abuse. Such committees may proliferate and then go through successive mergers in order to start the clock again. The Board should consider a limit on the number of such reorganizations that could be granted this waiver within a single election cycle.

Chapter 17.02 B (2)(a) - Specifying that 12-point font must be used in the authority line.

This may not be a sufficient safeguard if the entity chooses a color that has little contrast against the background or is otherwise made difficult to read, such as choosing a script or other decorative font. It might be good to consider requiring the typeface to be identical to other text in the ad.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully,

