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Maryland State Board of Elections Marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Highlighting Voter Confidentiality Protections

ANNAPOLIS, MD (October 1, 2025) – In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) is drawing attention to two statewide initiatives designed to help survivors of domestic violence keep their personal information confidential while still casting their ballots securely.

"Every Marylander deserves the ability to participate in elections without jeopardizing their safety," said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. "Our confidentiality program ensures that survivors of domestic violence can engage in the democratic process with confidence, knowing their information is protected. Protecting both safety and the right to vote is central to our mission."

Survivors of domestic violence can apply to their [local board of elections](#) to keep their address, phone number, and email address confidential in their voter registration profile. To apply for this status, complete a [Confidentiality Request Form](#), select the category "Persons Being Threatened," and provide the supporting documentation listed on the form. Survivors of domestic violence can also select the category, "Nondisclosure of Personal Information for Personal Safety" and provide the supporting documentation listed. Complete and sign the form, attach supporting documents, and return them to the election office in the county where you reside.

Additionally, Maryland's Secretary of State operates the [Address Confidentiality Program](#) (ACP), which assists survivors of threatened, attempted, or actual domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, or human trafficking. Participation in the ACP also covers records maintained by SBE.

The deadline to register to vote or update registration information for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election in Maryland is Tuesday, June 2, 2026. Registrations being mailed must be postmarked by this date. To register or check that your registration is up to date, use SBE's [online registration system](#). For confidential voters, please contact the State or local board of elections to ensure information is up-to-date. Those who prefer not to register online may print the registration form ([English version](#) and [Spanish version](#)) and submit it at their local board of election. Maryland also offers same-day registration, which allows eligible voters to register and cast a ballot in person during the early voting period or on Election Day.

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