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The Maryland State Board of Election notifies the Public of a Specimen Ballot Misprint in Anne Arundel County

ANNAPOLIS (October 16, 2026) - The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) is taking proactive steps to inform the public of a misprint with the specimen ballots in Anne Arundel County to mitigate voter confusion.

For the upcoming General Election, Anne Arundel County Board of Elections failed to include the last two ballot pages in their specimen ballot packet before distributing to voters. The pages included information on State Ballot Questions 2 and 3 as well as Anne Arundel County Questions A-C.

Specimen ballots are identical copies of the ballots provided to voters at their polling place on Election Day or during Early Voting. They are mailed at least one week before the first day of early voting to provide the public information on the time and place of the election and the opportunity to research the candidates and questions prior to going to the polls. These are not ballots that voters use to cast their votes.

SBE acknowledges that this omission may cause voter confusion or frustration over their ballot. As such, the State Administrator Jared DeMarinis yesterday directed that the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections issue corrected specimen ballots in an expedited manner to all affected voters. Anne Arundel County Board of Elections will be taking additional supplemental steps to notify their voters directly of the issue and provide a link to an online sample ballot that includes the missing pages. In the meantime, voters are encouraged to visit the SBE [website](#) where they can view the sample ballot for their county along with other important election information.

Your state and local government election officials are your trusted sources for election information. Additional information about Maryland's General Election, including deadlines to return your voted ballot, can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026 or by downloading the free Go Vote Maryland! app from the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple store](#).

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