

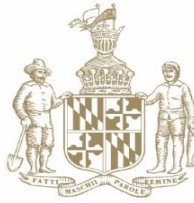
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HB0746, Election Law – Absentee Ballot Envelopes – Party Affiliation.

Madame Chair and Honorable members of the Ways & Means Committee:

I am pleased to present you with HB746. Many of us had been contacted during the most recent elections in regards to privacy issues surrounding mail-in ballots. My original intent was to block all of the voter information exhibited on the exterior of the envelope. In my discussion with bill drafting and the election office. I was advised that much of this information was actually needed to process the ballot while retaining the confidentiality of the vote itself; therefore, all this bill does is remove the party affiliation from the ballot envelope.

It is probably the easiest bill that you will consider this session, and I ask you to please render a favorable report on HB0746.

Thank you.