



Maryland

Ways and Means Committee

HB0641 Election Law Curbside Voting

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Position: SUPPORT

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Requiring each local board of elections, at least 6 months prior to each statewide primary election, to designate an outside location for curbside voting, subject to the approval of the State Board; requiring a local board to take into account certain factors when determining a location for curbside voting; and establishing requirements governing curbside voting, including requirements related to the designation of curbside voting locations and how to vote at a curbside voting location.

Honorable Chairperson, and distinguished members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

People On the Go of Maryland (POG) is a statewide self-advocacy organization, ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD), and our mission is to promote self-advocacy throughout the state.

POG would like to extend our support for HB0641. Curbside voting is a fundamental voting accommodation for those persons with disabilities who have mobility struggles and limitations. POG believes that designating a specific building to ensure voting accessibility will allow for those with disabilities or others who may be considered disenfranchised to have access to voting opportunities. Furthermore, this bill provides the following opportunities for disabled voters:

- Accessibility of the location to historically disenfranchised communities
- Proximity of the location to dense concentrations of voters
- Accessibility of the location by public transportation
- maximizing voter participation, including through the use of community centers and public gathering places as locations for curbside voting.

For these reasons, People On the Go advises a favorable report for HB0641. Thank you for your consideration.

Should you have any questions. Please contact Mat Rice.

Thank you,

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