

HB0164 Election Law - Voter Registration List - Absentee Voters (Absentee Ballot Transparency Act of 2024)

Contacting voters by candidates is essential to a properly functioning democracy. As Maryland has transitioned to mail in ballots and the world has gone more digital it is increasingly difficult to make contact with the significant number of voters who do not show up on election day. This bill provides to candidates (and candidates only) email addresses and phone numbers of those voters who elect to use mail in ballots. Communicating to voters via email and phone is less intrusive and potentially threatening than the traditional methods of door knocking and aggressive campaigning at the polls.

I support this bill.