

HB0192 – FAVORABLE with Amendments

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I agree that an election judge needs a way to identify a CITIZEN of the State of Maryland.

However today it is legally possible for an immigrant to receive a Maryland Driver's license without having full citizenship (see note below). It would be a violation of the Constitution(s) as well as the voter's acts to allow non-citizens to participate in our elections.

This needs to be corrected in the Maryland Transportation code before the Maryland Driver's license ALONE can be used as an ID for voting.

AND I'm sure illegal immigrants pay for utilities and have their names on the utility bills. I'm sure immigrants have addresses established here along with checking accounts in Maryland. We probably even have illegal immigrants working in government offices so they would even have a government issued ID.

The forms of ID being suggested in this bill **WILL NOT LIMIT THE VOTING TO ONLY MARYLAND CITIZENS!**

So ONLY a birth certificate, or a naturalization/citizenship card along with the DL / Government ID should be used and should also be used in order to attain the Voter Registration Card. Only these 2 pieces of ID will establish Maryland Citizenship.

So only with these amendments can this bill go forward otherwise it is unconstitutional and violates the federal voter election laws.

Thank you.

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Note: Maryland Transportation Code Section 16-106 - Application for license - In general:

1. (c)(2) Allows for no SSN to apply for DL.
2. (e)(4) "An applicant shall provide satisfactory documentary evidence that the applicant has lawful status." Md. Code, Transp. § 16-106. So a green card is lawful status but IS NOT CITIZENSHIP!!

