

1. Announcements & Important Meetings

Introduction of New Employees

Talaya Dyson joined SBE as the newest member of the PMO team. Talaya had been with SBE working in the Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division. In her new role, Talaya will be working on inventory, voter registration, and in other areas.

Foreign Delegation Visits

On October 26th, Linda Lamone, Donna Duncan, Jared DeMarinis, Mary Wagner, Erin Perrone, and Tracey Hartman met with several dignitaries from various African nations under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program to discuss Maryland electoral process. Over 20 representatives from 15 different nations learned about candidate filings, voter registration, voting, and the auditing of the results.

On November 2nd, Linda Lamone, Donna Duncan, Jared DeMarinis, Mary Wagner, Erin Perrone, and Tracey Hartman met with a Thai delegation under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. We spoke about Maryland electoral processes and electing monitoring.

University of Baltimore's Security in the Digital Age Conference

On November 2nd, Nikki Charlson spoke to conference attendees about how we protect election systems and data in Maryland. The other panelist was John Willis, Executive-in-Residence at the University of Baltimore College of Public Affairs, and he discussed election security from a national perspective. The second panel was on social media and the influence of foreign actors on election integrity.

National Federation of the Blind - Maryland Chapter's Statewide Conference

On November 6th, Dave McManus addressed the statewide conference of the National Federation of the Blind - Maryland.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Engagement Report

Earlier this month, we received from DHS a report of its Hunt and Incident Response Team's engagement. We requested this engagement in response to the information provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation about the private-equity firm investing in ByteGrid, LLC., the vendor hosting several election systems.

The report states that the team "did not identify any indications that a compromise had occurred on [SBE's] network or [the election systems hosted by ByteGrid]." In other words, DHS did **not** find any evidence that SBE's main network or the systems hosted by ByteGrid have been compromised. A copy of the redacted report is available in the meeting folder.

While we are pleased by this report, our commitment to secure elections requires that we transition to a new data center. We are taking this decisive action out of an abundance of caution and have started the process to transition to a new data center. We have entered into a contract with a cybersecurity and technology firm to help us transition to a new data center and will be presenting to the Board of Public Works notice of this contract at its meeting next week. This plan will alleviate our concerns with the current ownership of our hosting vendor and demonstrates our commitment to having the most secure election systems possible.

Upcoming Legislative Audit

This week, we were notified that the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) will begin our audit next week. OLA performs an audit every three years, and this audit will cover the period from October 2015 through today. Nelson Hopkins is the lead fiscal and performance auditor. Another audit team will conduct the IT audit.

2. 2018 General Election Overview

Call Center

SBE, the Baltimore City Board of Elections, and the Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Prince George's County Boards of Elections again used the services of a call center. The call center started the day before the deadline to register to vote (October 16th) and continued through election day. Representatives of the call center handled 30,944 calls for us. The assistance in responding to the somewhat routine calls is extremely beneficial to the election office staff and allows us to handle the more complex inquiries.

Ballots

SBE's ballot printer, Single Point Sourcing, printed 11.2 million ballot pages, including test decks. They also supplied the local boards of elections with blank ballot paper for ballot duplication. Both Montgomery and Prince George's County had three page ballots, and seven other local boards had two pages.

Election Equipment Transportation.

Delivery of equipment for early voting started two days prior to early voting on October 23rd. Equipment pickup was completed after all 79 early voting centers closed on November 1, 2018, as required.

Equipment delivery for Election Day started on October 29th, and pickup was completed on November 14th. This took a day longer than normal due to the Veteran's Day holiday. During this time, all equipment was locked and sealed. The voted ballots and thumb drives had been returned by election judges on election night.

Equipment Deployed

There were 79 early voting centers for this election. This was one more than the primary election, as Frederick County added an additional center. During early voting, 544 electronic pollbooks, 236 ballot scanners, and 150 ballot marking devices were used.

On Election Day, 5,775 electronic pollbooks, 2,508 ballot scanners, and 1,865 ballot marking devices were deployed. Thirteen ballot scanners and six ballot marking devices were replaced, and it is widely thought that the equipment performed well. Reports of jamming ballots were significantly less than the 2016 General Election. Approximately 3.11% of ballots cast were ballots marked by the ballot marking device.

Equipment with reported issues will be inspected once the equipment is released.

Absentee Ballot Delivery

Our mailhouse vendor mailed to requesting overseas and domestic voters approximately 84,000 ballots from September 22nd to November 1st.

SBE sent emails to over 56,000 voters requesting to download their absentee ballot from SBE's website. Approximately 47,000 of these voters logged into their online account. The

table below shows the type of voter requesting an electronic absentee ballot and how the voter chose to mark his or her ballot.

	Domestic, Civilian Voters	UOCAVA Voters	Total Voters
Blank Ballot Delivery (Mark ballot by hand)	24,952 (61%)	4,091 (61%)	29,043 (61%)
Online Ballot Marking Tool (Mark ballot with tool)	15,712 (39%)	2,617 (39%)	18,329 (39%)
Total	40,664	6,708	47,372

Election Day Reports

Overall, the voting process on election day was smooth. 1,786 of the State's 1,798 (99.3%) polling places were open and checking in voters by 7:10 am. Nine of the remaining polling places were checking in voters by 7:30 am, and the remaining three polling places were doing so by 8:00 am.

Voters and the press reported that some precincts in Prince George's County ran out of ballots. We are working with the Prince George's County Board of Elections to determine how many precincts ran out of ballots and will share that information once we have collected and analyzed it. Preliminary information shows that some of the precincts reported as having run out of ballots did not, in fact, run out.

Voter Services Website

The various components of the voter services website – voter look-up, polling place locator, online voter registration and absentee ballot request system, and online ballot delivery system – performed well in the 2018 General Election. The voter services project team is scheduled to meet early in December to identify lessons learned and plan for the 2020 elections.

Post-Election Auditing

After each election, SBE performs a comprehensive audit of various aspects of the election. The Voting System Division reviews data associated with the pre-election logic and accuracy testing, opening times of the election day polling places, reviewing discrepancies between the number of voters checked in to vote and the number of ballots cast, and performing the voting system verification.

Erin Perrone and Cortnee Bryant are collecting various documentation from the local boards to complete other auditing tasks, including the polling place evaluation forms and ballot accounting forms. Tracey Hartman collects the canvassing minutes from each local board and compares information in the minutes against absentee and provisional data in MDVOTERS and the voting system data.

Once all of the data is collected and analyzed, each local board receives a report of findings and corrective actions to resolve any findings.

Post-Election Ballot Tabulation Audit

Automated Software Audit - The audit of ballot images from the 2018 General Election is underway. Before certifying their election results, each local board received four reports, which compared the voting system's results from early voting and election day (Phase 1) against the results from the independent tabulation performed by the Clear Ballot Group. These reports show that:

1. The voting system and Clear Ballot tabulated the same number of ballots (cards cast)
2. Any differences between the two systems' results are less than 0.5%.
3. The voting system accurately tabulated the results

These comparison reports and Clear Ballot's results (generated before we provided the voting system's results) are posted on SBE's website. The ballot images for absentee and provisional ballots are being tabulated now, and the next set of the four reports will be complete prior to the certification of results for State offices. This set of reports (Phase 2) will include all ballot images and will also be posted.

Manual Audit - On October 24th, Nikki Charlson randomly selected an early voting center for each county with more than one early voting center. (If a county only had one early voting, that early voting center was selected.) Since the Chair of the State Board of Elections was unable to make this selection, he designated Nikki to perform this task. On the same day, we notified each election director of the selected early voting center and provided instructions on how to select a scanning unit in the selected early voting center, generate results for that unit, and secure the results and ballots for the audit.

The local boards of elections selected absentee and provisional ballots for the audit. At the start of the absentee and provisional canvasses, these ballots were scanned and results were printed. The results and selected ballots are secured for the audit.

At today's meeting, the members of the State Board of Elections will select the precincts to be included in the manual audit and consider additional regulations. We expect that the local boards will conduct the manual audits in January and February 2019.

Wicomico County Recount

When the results for the Wicomico County Board of Education District 3 were certified, one vote separated the candidates. William Turner had 3,056 votes, and David L. Goslee, Jr. had 3,055 votes. On November 27th, the Wicomico County Board of Canvassers began a manual recount of voted ballots. Cortnee Bryant and Tracey Hartmann supported the recount.

Certification of Election Results for State Offices

The Board of State Canvassers is scheduled to meet at the State Board of Elections' office at 1 pm on December 5th to certify the results of the 2018 Gubernatorial General Election for State and federal offices and State ballot questions. This certification triggers the timeframe to file a recount for a State office.

Post-Election Reports

After each general election, each state is required to complete the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Election Administration and Voting Survey. This survey requests data related to voter registration, turnout, absentee and provisional ballot rejection reasons, equipment and infrastructure. Tracey Hartmann and Janet Smith will be

compiling the data for the survey, and the data will be submitted by February 1st, the deadline established by the EAC.

2. Voter Registration

MVA Transactions

No data as the voter registration rolls were closed.

Non-Citizens

Submitted to the Office of the State Prosecutor - 19

Removal of non-citizens - 19

Removal of non-citizens who voted - 4

Removal of non-citizens who voted multiple times - 2

Non-citizens forwarded to the Office of the State Prosecutor - 19

MDVOTERS

On November 23rd, the election certification was completed in MDVOTERS. This process applies voter history credit and closes out the 2018 General Election. Electronic transactions are now available for the local boards to process.

The next software release (7.0) is going into production the weekend of December 15th. Enhancements included added functionality to the candidacy module as well as minor changes to reports and correspondence.

3. Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

Campaign Finance

November 20th was the deadline for all political committees participating in the 2018 Gubernatorial Election to submit the 2018 Post-General Report. Currently, there are over 2,300 participating political committees in the gubernatorial election. Notices of the due date of the report were sent to the chair, treasurer and candidates for those committees. Failure to file timely will result in a fine of \$10 per day up to \$500. The late fee must be paid with campaign funds.

If candidates who won in the 2018 General Election fail to file the required reports or have outstanding late fees for campaign finance reports, these candidates cannot be sworn into office until the matter is resolved.

Maryland Law requires persons doing business with State government and persons employing lobbyists to file a *Disclosure of Contributions*, a report required every six months. This report is due each May 31st and November 30th with the transaction period ending the last day of the month prior to the due date. SBE has 783 registered entities in the system.

Public Financing Program

As of October 31st, Montgomery County disbursed \$1,165,725 to the nine qualified candidates for the 2018 General Election. Two candidates were not eligible for disbursements because they were unopposed. Montgomery County has over \$1.75 million unspent funds remaining from the 2018 Primary Election.

Campaign Finance Enforcement

The following committees had one or more Election Law Article violations and paid a civil penalty:

1. Friends of Kendal Wade paid \$100 for making cash disbursements greater than \$25.00
2. Carissa Antonis paid \$50 for failing to include an authority line on campaign material
3. Friends of Mike (David) Lyles paid \$100 for making cash disbursements greater than \$25.00
4. Friends of Dj (Donjuan) Williams paid \$100 for making cash disbursements greater than \$25.00

International Election Missions

As requested, Jared DeMarinis notified the members of the State Board of Election that representatives of the National Election Commission from South Korea observed the elections.

4. Project Management Office (PMO)

Inventory: Excess Equipment Disposal

SBE continued to work with Department of General Services (DGS) to auction off, recycle, or send to trash the equipment and supply items located in the central warehouse. After making several attempts to sell the TS-R6 black cases. SBE is using the DGS trash contractor for the disposal of the black cases. To date, 6,962 of the 17,200 black cases have been picked up by the trash contractor.

Other

The PMO continued to work with our Assistant Attorney General on a memorandum of understanding relating to handling of SBE's inventory allocated to the counties and the insurance coverage requirements. When implemented, each Election Director will be required to review and annually sign the MOU.

The PMO provided support for the deployment of the helpdesk incident reporting system and command center for the 2018 General Election.

The PMO continued to work with DGS on the one-year renewal of our central warehouse facility for the period beginning February 1, 2019. The renewal must go before the Board of Public Works for approval.



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NCCIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NCCIC Hunt and Incident Response Team (HIRT) provides hunt assessments, upon client request, to determine if an intrusion has occurred within the client's network environment. HIRT's goal during a hunt is to search throughout the client's critical, high-value network environment to identify evidence of current or previous targeted malicious activity.

This report summarizes activities taken by HIRT during an on-site engagement in response to a written Request for Technical Assistance (RTA) from the MDSBE State Administrator, signed on July 17, 2018.

Following the submission of the MDSBE RTA, HIRT negotiated a separate RTA with ByteGrid, dated August 10, 2018, and deployed a team to conduct a proactive hunt on MDSBE's corporate network and election infrastructure network enclave (hereafter known as "the Enclave")—which is hosted and maintained by ByteGrid, operating as a MSP. HIRT coordinated with MDSBE and ByteGrid to perform on-site engagement activities, at the Annapolis based offices of both entities, from August 20, 2018, to August 31, 2018. MDSBE had not identified any known indicators of compromise (IOCs) or suspicious activity in their network environment at the time of the RTA. However, because MDSBE hosts the state's election infrastructure, their networks are a high-value target to cyber threat actors. It is best practice to periodically perform proactive hunts on high-value targets.

During the engagement, HIRT did not identify any indications that a compromise had occurred on the MDSBE corporate network or within the Enclave. This report details the findings and analysis from the engagement and provides tailored and general recommendations for cybersecurity improvements.

HUNT

Deployment

On August 20, 2018, HIRT arrived onsite at the ByteGrid office to hunt for threat actor behavior on the corporate network of ByteGrid and the Enclave. During the on-site engagement, HIRT worked with the MDSBE information technology (IT) personnel to collect and analyze data from the MDSBE corporate network and worked with ByteGrid IT personnel to collect and analyze data from the Enclave network.

On August 20, 2018, HIRT deployed its internal Technical Engagement Network (TEN) at the ByteGrid office, to facilitate the analysis of host and network sensor data from the ByteGrid network and the Enclave.

On August 23, 2018, HIRT deployed a network sensor to the MDSBE office, in preparation for HIRT's transition to that location.

On August 27, 2018, HIRT deployed its TEN at the MDSBE office and collected host data and reviewed the collected network data. HIRT's tools scanned 92 endpoints for relevant IOCs using rule-sets associated with election infrastructure.

Engagement Scope

HIRT deployed to the MDSBE and ByteGrid corporate networks and the Enclave systems. In consultation with MDSBE and ByteGrid IT personnel, HIRT designated the Enclave as Cyber Key Terrain (CKT). CKT systems represent systems that serve a mission essential purpose to an organization and any cessation in their operations would cause an immediate negative impact. HIRT provides a more detailed analysis of any activity identified as unusual or unexpected on CKT-designated systems. Over the course of the on-site engagement at the MDSBE and ByteGrid corporate offices, HIRT analyzed the following systems and network events:

- 92 systems analyzed
 - 31 Windows servers
 - 61 Windows hosts/workstations
- 255,322,300 network events

HIRT placed one network sensor at the MDSBE office and two network sensors at the ByteGrid office to monitor internal and external traffic on the MDSBE, Enclave, and ByteGrid networks. In addition, HIRT—in conjunction with MDSBE and ByteGrid IT personnel—deployed host-based agents on MDSBE and ByteGrid network systems and utilized scripts to collect triage data from the CKT systems within the Enclave.

Tools Utilized

HIRT used the following DHS-owned tools during the engagement:

- **Splunk.** HIRT used Splunk, a security information and event management (SIEM) platform, to analyze network metadata and the results from HIRT ran collection scripts on individual endpoints and uploaded the collected data manually into Splunk. Splunk coalesced the raw metadata from the network sensors, logs, and individually collected data.
- **FireEye Endpoint Security (HX).** HIRT used FireEye HX to collect and analyze specific configuration datasets residing on each host. HIRT deployed HX host-based agents to 100 percent of user workstations within the MDSBE and ByteGrid networks, as identified by MDSBE and ByteGrid IT personnel.
- **Bro Intrusion Detection System (IDS) sensors.** HIRT leveraged Bro IDS sensors to capture metadata collected from MDSBE and ByteGrid network span ports. MDSBE and ByteGrid configured span ports on the interior of their firewall to collect netflow information specific to the MDSBE and ByteGrid network and metadata from general network egress traffic, and forward this information to HIRT's Bro sensors.

Data Collected

Host-Based Artifacts

HIRT worked with MDSBE and ByteGrid IT personnel on-site to deploy 61 host-based agents to collect and triage data from user workstations and used collection scripts to gather triage data from 30 CKT systems, all hosted in the Enclave. HIRT collected the following operating system (OS) artifacts:¹

[REDACTED]

Network-Based Artifacts

Over the course of the engagement, HIRT collected network-based artifacts. The following list represents the primary artifacts (collected from traffic related to the following protocols and services during the hunt:

[REDACTED]

¹ HIRT defines an artifact as any portion of the data collected that is relevant to the hunt (i.e., processes, file activity, network statistic data).

Network Sensor Deployment and Analysis

HIRT worked with MDSBE and ByteGrid personnel to deploy network sensors to monitor network traffic and compile non-content metadata from the traffic traversing the MDSBE and ByteGrid networks. This data provided HIRT with insight into internal and external MDSBE and ByteGrid network traffic events. HIRT's collection of network traffic metadata facilitated the analysis and identification of the following types of activity across the MDSBE and ByteGrid networks:

- Hosts communicating with known malicious domains,
- Hosts communicating with known malicious IP addresses,
- Lateral movement within the network,
- Unauthorized remote access,
- Suspicious data transfers,
- Communication with Tor network nodes,
- Beaconing activity,
- Known malicious traffic patterns, and
- Statistical anomalies.

Hunt Methodology

HIRT designed and employed methodologies to detect malicious activity, including advanced persistent threat (APT) actor tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) and non-advanced threats (e.g., commodity malware). The methodologies HIRT used for this hunt have been categorized into the following three groups:

- IOC detection,
- Behavioral analysis, and
- Statistical analysis.

Indicators of Compromise

HIRT uses IOC detection to quickly identify known threat actors and as a springboard for a deep-dive analysis. While onsite at MDSBE and ByteGrid, HIRT used several IOC sets to detect known malicious activities, including those related to

- Russian state-sponsored malicious cyber activity (known as GRIZZLY STEPPE), including activity associated with APT groups APT28 and APT29;²
- North Korean state-sponsored malicious cyber activity (known as HIDDEN COBRA);³ and

² NCCIC, *Joint Analysis Report JAR-16-20296A: GRIZZLY STEPPE – Russian Malicious Cyber Activity*, December 29, 2016, https://www.us-cert.gov/sites/default/files/publications/JAR_16-20296A_GRIZZLY%20STEPPE-2016-1229.pdf. For additional information and IOCs related to GRIZZLY STEPPE, see: <https://www.us-cert.gov/GRIZZLY-STEPPE-Russian-Malicious-Cyber-Activity>.

³ For additional information and IOCs related to HIDDEN COBRA, see: <https://www.us-cert.gov/HIDDEN-COBRA-North-Korean-Malicious-Cyber-Activity>.

- Russian government malicious cyber activity targeting U.S. critical infrastructure sectors and subsectors, including Elections Infrastructure and Energy.⁴

In addition to leveraging IOCs from known APT actors, HIRT searched for general IOCs to identify a wider range of activity on MDSBE's and ByteGrid's networks. HIRT designed these IOC sets to detect general threats and malicious behavior used by a variety of threat actors.

Behavioral Analysis

HIRT searched for patterns of activity that resembled common threat actor TTPs, including

- Unusual or unauthorized remote access (e.g., via RDP, PsExec, PuTTY);
- Processes with connections external to the organization;
- Processes with odd or unusual commands or launch strings;
- Execution or other file activity from odd or unusual locations (e.g., temp, AppData, user space);
- Persistence mechanisms (e.g., survival across reboots); and
- CKT analysis (e.g., unusual or unexpected activity to and from the server or operational technology network environments).

Statistical Analysis

HIRT performed analysis on OS artifacts to determine statistical outliers, which can be an effective way to identify anomalies related to malicious activity. Examples of artifacts on which HIRT performed statistical analysis include

- Artifacts appearing on only a few hosts (stacked by host count),
- Artifacts appearing in atypical or unusual locations (stacked by path),
- Network artifacts by host and by destination address (stacked by host and by destination IP), and
- Artifacts appearing only a few times by name (e.g., scheduled tasks, services) (stacked by name).⁵

HIRT reviewed the collected output and—upon the discovery of a file or artifact of interest—triated it for additional information. If further questions regarding a file's or an artifact's legitimacy surfaced, HIRT worked with MDSBE or ByteGrid personnel to evaluate the findings.

Technical Findings: IOCs

None of the IOCs or IOC sets HIRT used during the hunt (described in the Hunt Methodology section) yielded true positive results (i.e., results of an actual compromise).

⁴ NCCIC, *TA18-074A: Russian Government Cyber Activity Targeting Energy and Other Critical Infrastructure Sectors*, March 16, 2018, <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA18-074A>.

⁵ This list is not exhaustive; it contains examples of artifacts and is meant to provide insight into the statistical analysis methodologies HIRT used.

HIRT reviewed and triaged a number of IOC “hits” (e.g., RDP, binary execution). However, upon review of the context (source and destination) of the tool usage, HIRT determined that none of the occurrences appeared to be malicious and that all the hits were false positives.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS

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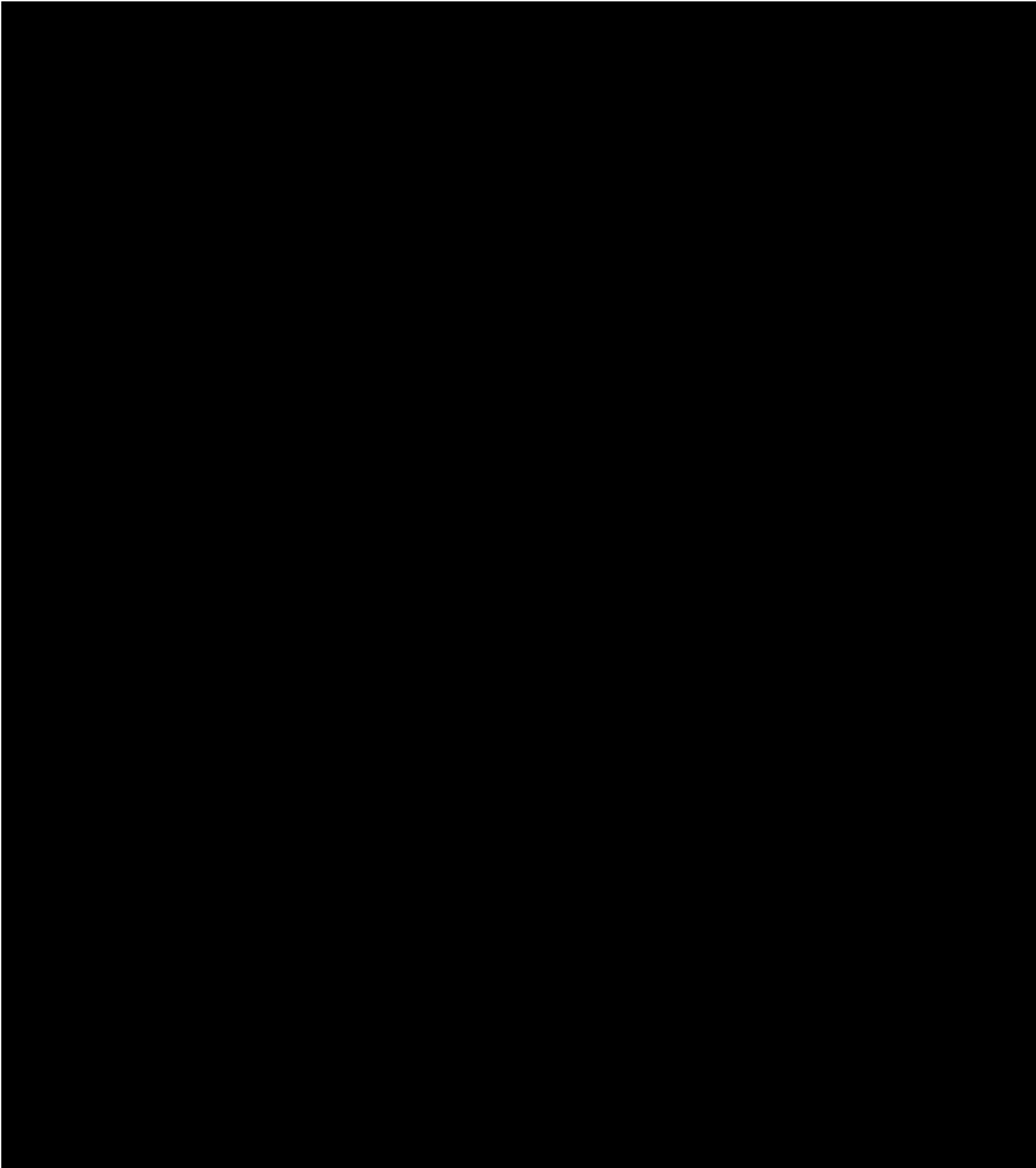
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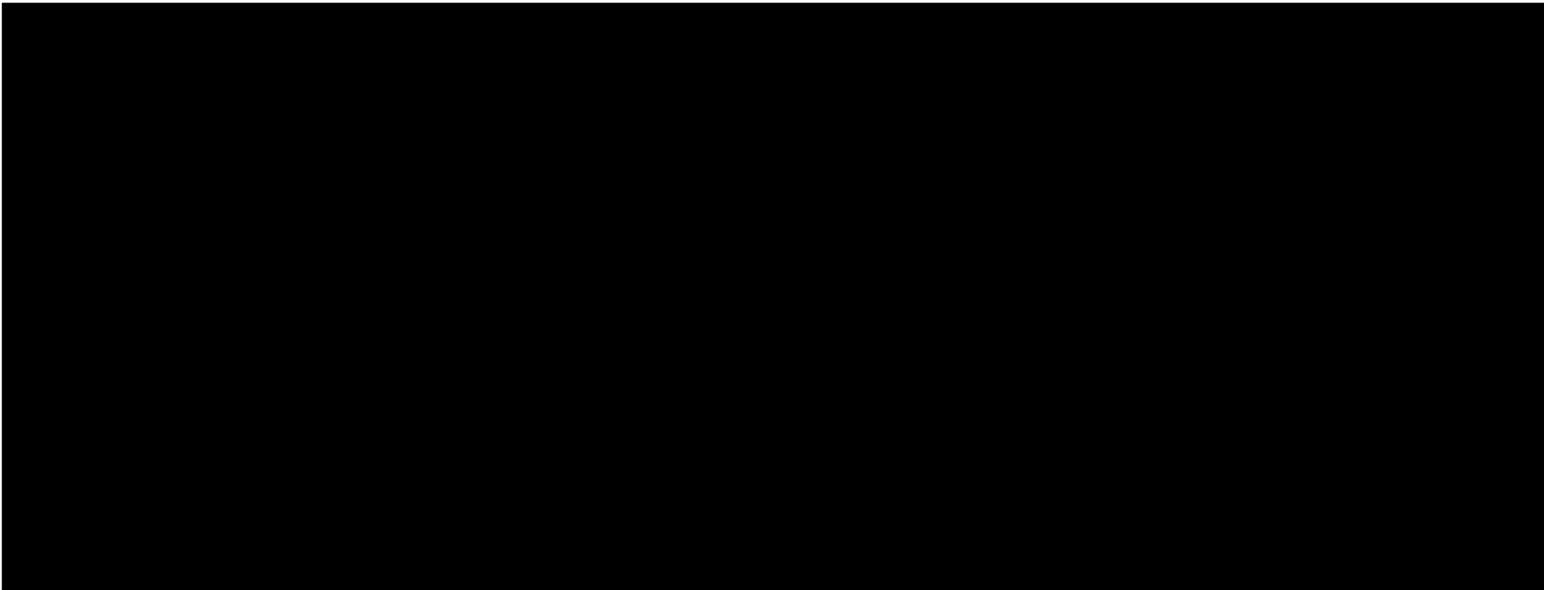
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Client-Tailored Recommendations

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General Recommendations

Properly implemented defensive techniques and programs make it more difficult for a threat actor to gain access to a network and remain persistent yet undetected. When an effective defensive program is in place, attackers should encounter complex defensive barriers. Attacker activity should also trigger detection and prevention mechanisms that enable organizations to contain—and respond to—the intrusion. There is no single or set of defensive techniques or programs that will completely prevent all attacks. MDSBE and ByteGrid should adopt and implement multiple defensive techniques and programs in a layered approach to provide a complex barrier to entry,

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increase the likelihood of detection, and decrease the likelihood of a successful attack. This layered mitigation approach is known as defense-in-depth.

Whitelisting

- Enable application directory whitelisting through Microsoft Software Restriction Policy or AppLocker.
- Use directory whitelisting rather than attempting to list every possible permutation of applications in a network environment. Safe defaults allow applications to run from `PROGRAMFILES`, `PROGRAMFILES(X86)`, and `SYSTEM32`. Disallow all other locations unless an exception is granted.
- Prevent the execution of unauthorized software by using application whitelisting as part of the OS installation and security hardening process.

Account Control

- Decrease a threat actor's ability to access key network resources by implementing the principle of least privilege.
- Limit the ability of a local administrator account to log in from a local interactive session (e.g., "Deny access to this computer from the network") and prevent access via an RDP session.
- Remove unnecessary accounts and groups, and restrict root access.
- Control and limit local administration.
- Make use of the Protected Users AD group in Windows domains to further secure privileged user accounts against pass-the-hash attacks.

Workstation Management

- Create and deploy a secure system baseline image to all workstations.
- Mitigate potential exploitation by threat actors by following a normal patching cycle for all OSs, applications, software, and all third-party software.
- Apply asset and patch management processes.
- Reduce the number of cached credentials to one (if a laptop) or zero (if a desktop or fixed asset).

Host-Based Intrusion Detection

- Configure and monitor system logs through a host-based IDS and firewall.
- Deploy an anti-malware solution to prevent spyware, adware, and malware as part of the OS security baseline.
- Monitor antivirus scan results on a regular basis.

Server Management

- Create a secure system baseline image and deploy it to all servers.
- Upgrade or decommission end-of-life non-Windows servers.
- Upgrade or decommission servers running Windows Server 2003 or older versions.

- Implement asset and patch management processes.
- Audit for and disable unnecessary services.

Server Configuration and Logging

- Establish remote server logging and retention.
- Reduce the number of cached credentials to zero.
- Configure and monitor system logs via a centralized SIEM appliance.
- Add an explicit DENY for %USERPROFILE%.
- Restrict egress web traffic from servers.
- In Windows network environments, use the Restricted Admin mode or remote credential guard to further secure remote desktop sessions against pass-the-hash attacks.
- Restrict anonymous shares.
- Limit remote access by only using jump servers for such access.

Network Security

- Implement IDS.
 - Apply continuous monitoring.
 - Send alerts to a SIEM tool.
 - Monitor internal activity (this tool may use the same tap points as the netflow generation tools).
- Employ netflow capture.
 - Set a minimum retention period of 180 days.
 - Capture netflow on all ingress and egress points of network segments, not just at the Managed Trusted IP Services or Trusted Internet Connections locations.
- Execute network packet capture (PCAP).
 - Retain PCAP data for a minimum of 24 hours.
 - Capture traffic on all network ingress and egress points.
- Use VPNs.
 - Maintain site-to-site VPNs with customers.
 - Authenticate users utilizing site-to-site VPNs through an adaptive security appliance (ASA).
 - Use authentication, authorization, and accounting for controlling network access.
 - Require personal identity verification (PIV) authentication to an HTTPS page on the ASA to control access. Authentication should also require explicit rostering of permitted PIV distinguished names to enhance the security posture on both networks participating in the site-to-site VPN.
 - Establish appropriate secure tunneling protocol and encryption.
- Strengthen router configuration (e.g., avoid enabling remote management over the internet and using default IP ranges, automatically log out after configuring routers, use encryption.).
- Turn off wireless protected setup, enforce the use of strong passwords, and keep router firmware up-to-date.

- Improve firewall security (e.g., enable automatic updates, revise firewall rules as appropriate, implement whitelists, establish packet filtering, enforce the use of strong passwords, encrypt networks).
- Conduct regular vulnerability scans of the internal and external networks and hosted content to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities.
- Define areas within the network that should be segmented to increase the visibility of lateral movement by a threat and increase the defense-in-depth posture.
- Develop a process to block traffic to IP addresses and domain names that have been identified as being used to aid previous attacks.

Network Infrastructure Recommendations

- Remove unnecessary OS files from the Internetwork Operating System (IOS) and ASA devices. This will limit the possible targets of persistence (i.e., files to embed malicious code) if the device is compromised and will align with National Security Agency Network Device Integrity best practices.
- Remove vulnerable IOS/ASA OS files (i.e., older iterations) from the device's boot variable (i.e., `show boot` or `show bootvar`).
- Update to the latest available OS for Cisco IOS and Cisco ASA devices.
- On ASA devices, update the Cisco Adaptive Security Device Manager to version 7.6.2 or later to reduce vulnerabilities and maintain consistent software versions on firewalls throughout the organization.
- On ASA devices with SSL VPN enabled, routinely verify customized web objects against the organization's known good files for such VPNs, to ensure the ASA devices remain free of unauthorized modification.

Host Recommendations

- Implement policies to block workstation-to-workstation RDP connections through a Group Policy Object on Windows, or by a similar mechanism.
- Store system logs of mission critical systems for at least one year within a SIEM tool.
- Review the configuration of application logs to verify that recorded fields will contribute to an incident response investigation.

User Management

- Immediately set the password policy to require complex passwords for all users (e.g., a minimum of 16 characters) and enforce this new requirement as user's passwords expire.
- Reduce the number of Domain and Enterprise Administrator accounts.
- Create non-privileged accounts for privileged users and ensure they use the non-privileged accounts for all non-privileged access (e.g., web browsing, email access).
- If possible, use technical methods to detect or prevent browsing by privileged accounts (authentication to web proxies would enable blocking of Domain Administrators).

- Use two-factor authentication (e.g., security tokens for remote access and access to any sensitive data repositories).
- If soft tokens are used, they should not exist on the same device that is requesting remote access (e.g., a laptop) and instead should be on a telephone or other out-of-band device.
- Create privileged role tracking.
- Create a change control process for all privilege escalations and role changes on user accounts.
- Enable alerts on privilege escalations and role changes.
- Log privileged user changes in the network environment and create an alert for unusual events.
- Establish least privilege controls.
- Implement a security-awareness training program.

Best Practices

- Implement a vulnerability assessment and remediation program.
- Encrypt all sensitive data in transit and at rest.
- Create an insider threat program.
- Assign additional personnel to review logging and alerting data.
- Complete independent security (not compliance) audits.
- Create an information sharing program.
- Complete and maintain network and system documentation to help with timely incident responses, including
 - Network diagrams,
 - Asset owners list,
 - Asset inventory, and
 - An up-to-date incident response plan.

CONCLUSION

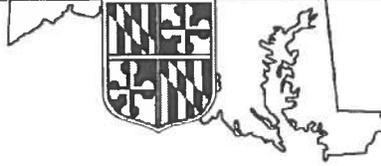
During the course of the on-site engagement, HIRT did not positively identify any threat actor activity on the MDSBE, ByteGrid, or Enclave networks. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HIRT documented a number of recommendations in this report, which will help to strengthen the overall resilience of these networks.

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: November 30, 2018
SUBJECT: Waiver of late filing fees standards

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by campaign committees that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each committee as well as the Administrator's recommendation for Board approval on granting a waiver request.

In the past the Board has considered the following facts in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family.
- The late report is the first late report and allows the committee to close, or contains minimal financial activity.
- The fee will cause undue financial hardship, if the liability of the fine is the personal responsibility of the officers.
- Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-337 (b) (3), the State Administrator has denied five waiver request, for the month of November. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$47,514.00

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.

Waiver Request November 30, 2018

1. Barbee, Lori for Commissioner
2. Brewington, Julie Friends of
3. Burns, Emmett Citizens for
4. DePaulo, Nicholas Central Committee
5. Harrison, Ingrid S. Friends of
6. Hilfiger, Christopher for BOE
7. Hiltpold, Eric for Calvert GOP
8. Klausmeier, Krista Friends of
9. Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge for County Council District 5
10. Manno, Roger Friends of
11. Patti, Heather for County Council
12. Taylor, Rodney C. Citizens for
13. Thompson, Sherone E. for Board of Education, Friends for

Denied

1. Boone, Clayton for Republican Central Committee
2. Calvert County Republican Central Committee
3. Ciliberti, Pamela Friends of
4. Conaway, Frank M. Jr. "Baby Bear", Committee for
5. Goslee, David L. for Board of Education

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Burns, Emmett Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01013553	Status: Active
Date Established	11/09/93	
Date Waiver Requested	10/03/18	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Saretha Sessomes	Start Date: 11/15/07
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Engel Burns	5/07/98
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
8/28/18		8/30/18	\$40		\$40
			\$		\$
					\$ 40

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/28/18	\$0	\$0	\$4,544.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Had to travel for family issues filed a soon a I landed.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

Saretha Sessomes, Treasurer
Citizens for Emmett Burns
1332 Greenbriar Circle
Pikesville, MD 21208

October 1, 2018

Linda H. Lamone, Administrator
State Board of Election
P. O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401

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RE: CIF ID: 01003553
Report Date: 08/28/18 Late Fee

Dear Ms. Lamone:

Per the account noted above, I am requesting consideration for abatement of late fees. My mother lives in Mebane, NC and been diagnosed with Dementia. As the only child, I am responsible for her care. Unfortunately, there was an issue that needed my attention requiring a trip to NC, which conflicted with the due date. Upon arrival home, I completed the report for submission. Please consider this a viable reason and thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Saretha Sessomes
Treasurer

cc: Emmett Burns
Retired, House of Delegates

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Barbee, Lori for Commissioner	
CCF ID:	01012124	Status: Active
Date Established	12/28/2017	
Date Waiver Requested	11/08/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Janice Elaine Eggers	Start Date: 12/28/2017
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	James Dean Barbee	12/28/2017
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	Yes		\$120.00	11/08/2018	\$120.00
			\$		\$
					\$120.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Thought they filed all the report but notice it was not filed when they received the notice.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

November 2, 2018

Mr. Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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Reference: Lori Barbee for Commissioner - late filing fee

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

I apologize for being late in filing, and for the reasons below, I am asking that the late filing fee be waived.

I was the Treasurer on my daughter Lori Barbee's campaign, and with every report that was due, I called the finance office and asked how to handle certain items. Either I misunderstood the directions, or something. At any rate, some items were not treated properly.

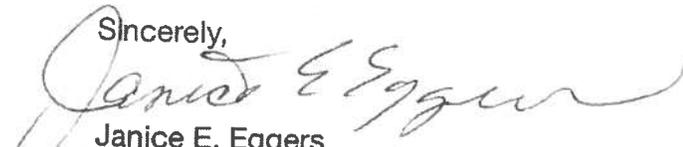
The campaign was short lived; my daughter experienced health issues early on that necessitated her withdrawing the campaign. I filed what I thought were the appropriate reports and it wasn't until this last go-around that I learned of the incorrect entries—hence the communication with Mr. Meku Abaineh.

There was a huge miscommunication (probably on my part) regarding the amendment that needed to be filed for this campaign. Mr. Abaineh and I had several phone and email exchanges regarding this. In the end, I simply did not know how to amend the report properly, and I made an appointment with meet with him in person to resolve the issues. Unfortunately, I couldn't get up to Annapolis until after the due date, but I understood that was be o.k., since we were in the process of resolving the issues on a closed campaign.

Mr. Abaineh was a pleasure to work with, and I am so grateful for the time spent to help me correct the report. Again, I sincerely request that the fee be waived.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Janice E. Eggers
1910 Mikes Way
Owings (Calver County), MD

cc: Mequanenet Abaineh via email

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Brewington, Julie Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012312	Status: Active
Date Established	01/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/23/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Susan Warthen	Start Date: 1/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Julie Brewington	1/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190
6/15/18		6/17/18	\$	\$40.00
			Total	\$230

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

6/15/18 late fee \$40.00 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$230.00 fine(s) paid, that occurred during the 5/22/18 and 6/15/18. My treasurer filed the reports late, as a first time treasurer and had unexpected family and work emergency demands during this time, that caused her to miss these deadline to file, as no money was raised. I understood she had filed, but learned later the fines were incurred

Division Comments

Grant for \$115

Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Friends of Julie Brewington - Waiver Request

1 message

Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 12:47 PM

——— Forwarded message ———

From: **Julie Brewington** <julie.brewington@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 12:44 PM
Subject: Friends of Julie Brewington - Waiver Request
To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$230.00 fine(s) paid, that occurred during the 5/22/18 and 6/15/18. My treasurer filed the reports late, as a first time treasurer and had unexpected family and work emergency demands during this time, that caused her to miss these deadline to file, as no money was raised. I understood she had filed, but learned later the fines were incurred.

We appreciate your understanding, as this is a local campaign, without much funds and thank you for your kind consideration of waiving the fees.

Sincerely,

Julie Brewington

Friends of Julie Brewington

(CCF ID 01012312)

—

Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	DePaulo, Nicholas Central Committee	
CCF ID:	01012564	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/15/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ken DePaulo	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nick DePaulo	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/11/18	\$260	\$260
			\$	\$
			Total	\$260

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I successfully reported the first deadline but was unaware another report was necessary.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Affidavit filing problems

1 message

Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 3:10 PM

Waiver request. Thanks.

Jared DeMarinis
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone: 410-269-2853

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From: **Nick DePaulo** <nickd1990@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 11, 2018 at 5:12 PM
Subject: Affidavit filing problems
To: Jared.demarinis@maryland.gov

Mr. Demarinis,

My name is Nick DePaulo, and I am running for central committee for Calvert County. I ran into a snag while reporting the campaign finance affidavit. I successfully reported for the first deadline but was unaware that future reporting was necessary. The reason I was unaware of this is because all central committee candidates are unopposed for this election, and there is no reason to spend any money on an unopposed campaign. As a result I racked up the fines associated with the reporting deadlines. I have gone through and declared for the rest of the year, however I would greatly appreciate not being fined for the reporting period of May 22nd. If its possible could the fees please be dropped.

Thank you,
Nick DePaulo

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Harrison, Ingrid S. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012986	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/21/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Airienne Jeffery	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ingrid Harrison	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		5/20/18	\$330	\$330
			\$	\$
			Total	\$330

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I thought as a central committee candidate I didn't have to do the report. I am requesting a waiver due to the misunderstanding with the paperwork.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

INGRID S. HARRISON

May 16, 2018

Dear Ms. Parrren,

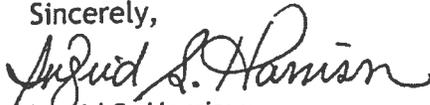
On February 26, 2018 I submitted my paperwork to the Prince George's County Board of Elections to become a candidate for the Democratic Central Committee, Legislative District 23B. In addition to my filing as a candidate, I submitted my signed Statement of Organization. I was also asked to sign an Affidavit of Central Committee Candidate.

It is my understanding that The Board of Elections accepted the Affidavit and did not file my Statement of Organization with the State. I was only made aware of this when I called to inquire about filing my campaign finance report. Therefore, I am sending a copy of my Statement of Organization for Maryland Campaign Finance Entities to ensure I am in accordance with campaign laws.

I was also made aware that I should have filed a report on April 17th and will do so. I am requesting that the late fees be waived due to the misunderstanding in regard to the paperwork.

Thank you and I appreciate your understanding in this matter. Please contact me at (301) 204-4911 or ingridsh2002@yahoo.com with any questions.

Sincerely,


Ingrid S. Harrison

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(301) 204 - 4911/ingridsh2002@yahoo.com

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hilfiger, Christopher for BOE	
CCF ID:	01012888	Status: Inactive
Date Established	02/27/2018	
Date Waiver Requested	10/01/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Randi Hilfiger	Start Date: 04/30/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Christopher Michael Hilfiger	02/27/2018
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	10/16/2018		\$500.00	10/01/2018	\$500.00
			\$		\$
					\$500.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Filed ALCE but was unaware that another report was do.

Division Comments

Grant and closeout

Administrator's Decision

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Maryland State Board of Elections – Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
P.O. Box 6486 • Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
410-269-2880 • 800-222-8683

Campaign Account Name: Christopher Hilfiger for BOE

Account Number: _____ Date of Request: October 1, 2018

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Randi Hilfiger

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): August 28

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 400.00

The basis for the request: On the last affidavit, Chris checked the 'final affidavit' box unaware that he had to file another affidavit after that. We are requesting a waiver and will file the necessary paperwork to close the campaign finance entity.

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Randi Hilfiger
(Signature)

October 1, 2018
(Date)

Instructions	For Board Use Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please print clearly or type.- If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report.- Please limit your request to this document only.	Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____ Verification: _____ Bd. Decision: _____

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hiltbold, Eric for Calvert GOP	
CCF ID:	01012184	Status: Active
Date Established	1/15/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/8/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	April Hiltbold	Start Date: 1/15/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Eric Hiltbold	1/15/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/08/18	\$230	\$230
4/17/18		6/08/18	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$730

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I erroneously believed I had to open a finance committee, it wasn't until later I found out it was not needed for CC committee.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Instructions: Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. *Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.

Campaign Account Name: HILTFELD, ERIC FOR CALVERT GOP Account Number: 01012184

Date of Request: 6/8/2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 730⁰⁰

Name of the Requestor(s)*: ERIC B HILTFELD

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2018 GUBERNATORIAL PRE-PRIMARY
2018 GUBERNATORIAL SPRING REPORT

The basis for the request: I ERRONEOUSLY BELIEVED THAT I WAS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO RUN FOR A CENTRAL COMMITTEE POSITION. I LATER DISCOVERED THIS NOT TO BE THE CASE AFTER I FILED FOR ELECTION IN CALVERT COUNTY. I SUBMITTED AN INITIAL ALICE AND HAD NOT RAISED OR SPENT ANY AMOUNT OVER \$1000⁰⁰. AFTER LEARNING THAT I WAS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A FINANCE COMMITTEE I ERRONEOUSLY IGNORED REPORT FILING REQUIREMENTS BELIEVING THAT THE REQUIREMENT DIDN'T APPLY TO CANDIDATES IN MY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

[Signature]
(Signature)

6/8/2018
(Date)

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Verification: _____	
Bd. Decision: _____	

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Klausmeier, Krista Friends of	
CCF ID:	01006150	Status: Active
Date Established	6/30/10	
Date Waiver Requested	7/30/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Hessam Vincent	Start Date: 6/30/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Krista Klausmeier	6/30/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/16/13 late fee \$100 paid
1/18/12 late fee \$250 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I was not running for re-election this year, having recently given birth to a 2nd child it took my attention away from the deadline.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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STATE BOARD OF

Friday July, 20, 2018

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I am writing to ask that my late filing fee be waived. My Campaign Account is CCF01006150

I was not running for reelection for Baltimore County Democratic State Central Committee and I had not raised funds for the position. I recently gave birth to a second child and, although no excuse, it took my attention away from the deadline.

I hope you will consider waiving the late fee. Once this is resolved I will be closing my campaign account.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,



Krista Klausmeier
410-227-4557
4222 Soth Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21236

CCF ID: 01006150.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Malikidogo-Fludd, Kenge for County Council District 5	
CCF ID:	15012574	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	11/19/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Audery Adams	Start Date: 2/26/218
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kenge Makikidogo	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/26/18		11/19/18	\$160	\$40
			\$	\$
			Total	\$40

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late fee \$20

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We had trouble changing officers for the committee

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



Jessica Perkins -SBE- <jessica.perkins@maryland.gov>

Fwd: aadamsfp@gmail.com,dkfh20@gmail.com

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 2:47 PM

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>, "Ebony R. Parran -SBE-" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

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From: **Vote For Kenge Campaign** <voteforkenge@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 2:38 PM

Subject: aadamsfp@gmail.com,dkfh20@gmail.com

To: <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

o: Maryland State Board of Elections

Re: Change of Treasurer

To Maryland State Board of Elections:

Hello this letter is a request for waiver and return of fees in the amount of Pre-General 1 Report due 8/28/2018.
(Payment receipt attached)

Audrey Adams resigned from the campaign in July, and the campaign acknowledged and accepted her resignation with the acceptance of new Treasurer Darian Fludd. The campaign finalized the transition with document exchange, and by updating Maryland Campaign Reporting Information on July 22. This was done by logging into the MCRIS, adding all required information for D. Fludd and selecting the position of Treasurer. The updates of adding and deleting A. Adams were saved and certified at the bottom of the webpage. Upon visually reviewing the registration was updated A. Adams was notified of the update, and MCRIS account registered under K. Malikidogo-Fludd was logged out.

Having updated the account registration previously, I experienced incidents where the registration updates once saved and certified did not appear upon a second login. Prompting the information to be re-entered a second and third time before the saving and certification took effect. As these incidents occurred in the Pre-Primary phase and given my unfamiliarity with the system, I thought my actions were incorrect when indeed it was not I, but the system that was rejecting the information input, saved and certified into the system.

Given these circumstances It is my strong belief that a similar incident is what caused there to be an issue with the change of Treasurer from A. Adams to D. Fludd. Having not updated the system by accepting D. Fludd, D. Fludd did not receive notifications regarding the Pre-General 1 reporting via email and in the mail. A. Adams having resigned no longer had access to campaign financials in order to submit a report and would have been disqualified from doing so as she was no longer a part of the campaign.

I sincerely request that things be checked with the MCRIS technology team to review changes submitted in July, and hope that it may show that the necessary changes were made and systematic issues led to this situation.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this request.

Sincerely,

Kenge Malikidogo-Fludd
Chairperson

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Manno, Roger Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01003039	Status: Active
Date Established	11/21/2012	
Date Waiver Requested	11/14/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sandra Gesha Zimmet	Start Date: 11/21/2012
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Anne Jaquelin Ambler	11/21/2012
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report			\$210.00	11/14/2018	\$210.00
			\$		\$
					\$120.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Report	\$0.00	\$7,519.75	\$61,246.98	\$70,000.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Treasurer was dealing with ill husband and totally forgot about the report.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

Sandra Zimmet
3310 N Leisure World Blvd., #1022
Silver Spring, MD 20906

November 14, 2018

Linda H. Lamone
Administrator
Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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Dear Ms. Lamone:

I am writing to ask for a waiver of the fees incurred for filing Sen. Roger Manno's Pre-General² Report Gubernatorial (CCF ID 01003039) almost two weeks late. Let me explain.

At the time the report was due, my husband's doctor informed me that it was time to turn to Hospice care for my husband, who has been quite ill for the past two years. Though I have known his time is limited, the realization that my husband of 50 years is in the last months or days of his life took a toll on me. I totally forgot about the report along with other responsibilities unrelated to my husband's health.

During the eleven years that I have been Sen. Manno's treasurer, I have always filed his campaign reports on time. I have been diligent about being accurate, keeping good records, and making sure to meet the filing deadlines. The irony is that when I finally sat down to do the report, it took me less than 30 minutes. In the past, I have spent countless hours, even days, on Sen. Manno's campaign finances.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Sandra Zimmet
301-310-4776
mollymature@gmail.com

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Patti, Heather for County Council	
CCF ID:	01012284	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/02/18	
Date Waiver Requested	7/23/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Susan McCullough	Start Date: 2/02/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Heather Patti	2/02/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/09/18	\$300	\$300
5/22/18		7/09/18	\$500	\$500
4/17/18		7/09/18	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1300

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No prior

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I never filed for candidacy due to medical conditions.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: HEATHER PATTI FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

Account Number: 01012284 Date of Request: 7/9/2018

Name of the Requestor(s)*: HEATHER R. PATTI, SUSAN R. McCULLOUGH

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): SPRING REPORT - \$500
PRE-PRIMARY 1 - \$500
PRE-PRIMARY 2 - \$300

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1300.00

The basis for the request: AT THE URGING OF MY COMMUNITY MEMBERS & LOCAL ACTIVISTS/ELECTED OFFICIALS, I PLANNED TO RUN FOR COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6. I HAVE PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS & WAS WAITING FOR MEDICAL CLEARANCE FROM PHYSICIAN BEFORE FILING FOR CANDIDACY. UPON GROUND SCRUTINY FROM COLLEAGUES OF MY PROPOSED OPPONENT, I WAS UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE TO CREATE A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACCOUNT. (SEE REVERSE)

(Signature)

(Date)

<p align="center">Instructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please print clearly or type. - If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. - Please limit your request to this document only. - <i>*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.</i> 	<p align="center">For Board Use Only</p> <p>Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____</p> <p>Verification: _____</p> <p>Bd. Decision: _____</p>
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Taylor, Rodney C. Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01011865	Status: Active
Date Established	08/15/2017	
Date Waiver Requested	11/15/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sylvia V. Taylor	Start Date: 08/15/2017
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Reginald Jerome Padgett	08/15/2017
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	11/04/2018		\$150.00	11/04/2018	\$150.00
			\$		\$
					\$150.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Post-General	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.40	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

First time running for office and because they closed the bank account they thought the filing was over.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

**CITIZENS FOR RODNEY C. TAYLOR
22951 CHRIST CHURCH ROAD
AQUASCO, MARYLAND 20608**

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November 9, 2018

Ms. Linda Lamone
State Board of Elections
P. O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Dear Ms. Lamone:

My campaign office for an election bid to the Prince George's County Council – District 9 was closed out on November 4, 2018. This was my first time running for a political office, and as you may know, I lost that campaign. At that time, I thought that by closing my bank account and my October 26, 2018 Campaign Finance Report, I was finished with my obligations to the State. However, I learned from an e-mail that I had not completed my October Campaign Report by not properly closing it, and I still needed to do a November report. In addition, I was assessed a fine of \$150 for late fees.

By this letter, I am respectfully requesting a waiver of this fine. I apologize for this oversight and misunderstanding but as I stated, this was my first time running and all of my campaign advisors were new to this experience as well. Paying the additional \$150 fine would constitute a hardship on me, since my campaign's bank account closed out by me providing the deficit with personal funds.

Please let me know if you need any further information from me. Your favorable consideration of my request is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,



Rodney C. Taylor

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Thompson, Sherone E. for Board of Education, Friends for	
CCF ID:	01012371	Status: Active
Date Established	02/14/2018	
Date Waiver Requested	11/02/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Brandy Renee James	Start Date: 02/13/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sherone Evette Thompson	02/13/2018
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report			\$20.00	11/02/2018	\$40.00
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General1 Report			\$20.00		\$
					\$40.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	\$890.00	\$1,083.74	\$-193.74	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Was not able to get it filed by deadline but ws able to have it done the very next day.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Fee Waiver

1 message

Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fri, Nov 2, 2018 at 9:19 AM

Waiver

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sherone Thompson <thethompsonenterprise@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 2, 2018 at 9:18 AM
Subject: Fee Waiver
To: <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Hello Ms. Parran,

Per our conversation, \$80 has been paid toward the fine against my campaign report. Also, I'd like to ask for a waiver for the \$40 fine on the last two campaign reports. The initial report in April, I thought that I had filed appropriately, but received a notice that the report was incomplete. These last two reports I wasn't able to file by midnight of the deadline, but sent them the very next day. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sherone E. Thompson

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Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

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Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

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410-974-5415 (Fax)

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Boone, Clayton for Republican Central Committee	
CCF ID:	01012576	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/26/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	John Yang	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Clayton Boone	2/26/28
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		5/16/18	\$290	\$290
6/15/18		6/16/18	\$20	\$20
			Total	\$310

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I was not familiar with the system, and I am not of legal age to open a bank account.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Waiving of fees

1 message

Boon Dawgg <boondawgg@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 26, 2018 at 2:29 PM

To: "victorica.smith@maryland.gov" <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

lo, my name is Clayton Boone, a 17 year old running for Republican Central Committee in Frederick County. Unfortunately, I now owe \$310 in late fees for not filing affidavits in time on my campaign committee, but I would like to explain my situation to you in hopes that you might waive my fees.

As I stated earlier, I'm a 17 year old high school student and had never run for office before, but I decided this would be my year to get experience for when I eventually run after I complete high school and college. Since I had never run before, I had to go off of the experience and knowledge of others for what I was supposed to do to get set up. After filing for my run, I was told by a few acquaintances that I had to have a campaign committee to run, even though I was not required to have one for my central committee run. After creating one, I was not familiar with the system at all, and I didn't even have a bank account (I am not legally old enough to open a campaign account on my own or access one). I had a treasurer (John Yang) but he was and still is under 18 and was not familiar with any of this either. Eventually, I found out that campaign finance reporting was a thing candidates had to do, and went looking for if this applied to me since I can't even hold a bank account on my own. I found out about the "\$1000 rule" where you have to report if you earn over \$1000. Since I couldn't earn any money and didn't plan to get over \$1000, I thought that I didn't have to do any reporting. After a while, I found a man who was able to be my treasurer and the treasurer of a friend of mine running (Jeremy Abbott) that is in a similar situation. He opened a bank accounts for Jeremy and I, but we still could not touch them without him since we're minors. I later discovered through Jeremy that I was supposed to have been filling out affidavits if I earned UNDER \$1000, and he told me to check if I had any late fees. I found out that I had built up \$295 worth of late fees. I became very worried about this, since I had very little money in my account and don't have a job, and was still in the midst of school. I was told I could email any board members about waiving the fees because of my unique situation. I also missed the most recent deadline by one day which added \$15 to the amount and raised it to \$310 but that was just an honest mistake. This whole situation has me very stressed out and I would be extremely appreciative if you all would look at my case and decide to waive the fees.

I sent this email about last Thursday or Friday and the Board of Elections said they have not received a request from me yet, so I am sending it again to make sure you receive it.

Thank you for your time,
Clayton Boone

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Calvert County Republican Central Committee	
CCF ID:	05007588	Status: Active
Date Established	01/01/1901	
Date Waiver Requested	11/06/2018	
Account Type	Party Central Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Carolyn Rice	Start Date: 02/02/2015
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ella Elizabethn Ennis	01/11/2017
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General 2 Report		11/02/2018	\$130.00	11/06/2018	\$130.00
			\$		\$
					\$130.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General2 Report	\$0.00	\$65.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Did not click the on the certify box so the report did not go through.

Division Comments

Deny, this is not how the system works.

Administrator's Decision

November 2, 2018

Ms. Linda Lamone
Maryland Board of Elections
151 West St. Suite, 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

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Dear Ms. Lamone:

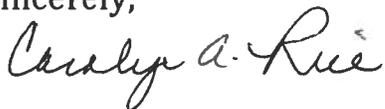
The Calvert County Republican Central Committee has been assessed a fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the 10/26/18 Pre-General 2 Report Gubernatorial.

My explanation is quite simple. When I completed the entries for the contributions and the expenditures I neglected to check the box that reads, "I certify that I have examined this report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete." I filled in the bank balance and pressed the button to 'file all to state'. I was going to go back later to print the report since at that time I was having problems with my printer connection. If I had tried to print the report I would have noticed that I didn't check the box.

The reports have been filed properly.

I would appreciate your consideration to this matter to waive the fee.

Sincerely,



Carolyn A. Rice
Calvert County Republican Central Committee, Treasurer
410-610-0257
rice.carolyn6@gmail.com

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ciliberti, Pamela Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012648	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/12/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rachel Ciliberti	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Pamela Ciliberti	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/6/18	\$210	\$210
			\$	\$
			Total	\$210

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Due to the unfamiliarity with the CRIS system the report was filed late.
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Division Comments

Deny/ failed to set up bank account.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Pamela Ciliberti

Account Number: CCF ID 01012648 Date of Request: June 12, 2018
Name of the Requestor(s)* Pamela Ciliberti

The Requestor is the: Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s):

05/22/2018 Pre-Primary 1 Gubernatorial

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 260 (May 22 through June 12, 2018)

The basis for the request:

Due to the unfamiliarity with the CRIS System, the 5/22/18 Pre-Primary Gubernatorial Report was not filed. This is a new, first time candidate and treasurer involved. My Treasurer, Rachel Ciliberti, was not aware that she could simply file an Affidavit, as nothing had changed since the previous (first) Report. She was very confused, upon seeing requests for financial info (i.e. Bank Account, etc.) She knew that we did not, at present, have an account, yet. Upon realizing that a Bank Account did not have to be set up until, the hopeful result of, a Primary Win, she sought out guidance for the CRIS filing. The 5/22/2018 Pre-Primary Report was recently submitted, as an Affidavit was completed and filed on June 6, 2018

Pamela J. Ciliberti

June 12, 2018

(Signature)

(Date)

Instructions	For Board Use Only
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Conaway, Frank M. Jr. " Baby Bear", Committee For	
CCF ID:	01003439	Status: Active
Date Established	005/01/2006	
Date Waiver Requested	10/01/2018	
Account Type	Candidate Committee Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Terri Mitchell	Start Date: 8/10/2018
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Frank Melvin Conaway	01/21/2016
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Total Fees
2018 Gubernatorial Pre-Primary1 Report		07/03/2018	\$240.00	10/05/2018	\$240.00
			\$		\$
					\$240.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
ALCE	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The report was filed late because the treasurer was sick

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non compliance.

Administrator's Decision

Frank M. Conaway, Jr.
2100 N. Pulaski St.
Baltimore, Md. 21217

Jared DeMarinis
State Board of Elections
P. O. Box6486
Annapolis, Md. 21401-0486

October 01, 2018

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I would like to appeal the finding of " WAIVER DENIED " August 31, 2018 for account " Conaway, Frank M. Jr. Baby Bear ", Committee for " report " 6/15/18 Pre-Primary 2 " " \$ 240 " based upon the late filing was due to the sepsis sickness of Ms. Proctor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank M. Conaway, Jr." in a cursive style.

Frank M. Conaway, Jr.

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Goslee, David L. for Board of Education
CCF ID:	01005722
Date Established	12/15/07
Date Waiver Requested	7/06/18
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	Andrew Riley	Start Date: 12/05/07
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	David Goslee	Start Date: 12/05/07
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190
			\$	\$
			Total	\$190

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/12 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We fill out the report due on May 22, we didn't realize it was not submitted and there was another step.
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Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

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Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Late Fees on report filing

Andrew Riley <ariley@rileyandcompanyllc.com>

Fri, Jul 6, 2018 at 7:31 AM

To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Cc: Dave Goslee <dlgsrdot@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Parran;

In regards to Account: Goslee, David L. For Board of Education, CCF ID 01012099.

As Treasurer for David L. Goslee for Board of Education, Mr. Goslee and myself sat at his computer on May 22, 2018 and fill out the campaign account finance report that was due on May 22, 2018 on the computer as required. We submitted the report and nothing on the computer systems told us that there was anything missing. The first I knew anything was missing on the report was a couple days afterwards when I got an email from campaign finance office. Mr Goslee was out of town at that time. We corrected all the issues as soon as he got back in town which was on June 4, 2018. The next report was completed and submitted on time. We are asking that the Board remove the penalties for the report due on May 22, 2018.

Thank you,

Andy, Treasurer for David L. Goslee for Board of Education

Andrew Riley
Riley & Company, LLC
106 Henry's Mill Drive
Berlin, MD 21811
443-880-8339
ariley@rileyandcompanyllc.com

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October 5, 2018

Linda Lamone
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Prince George's County Board of Elections Emergency Polling Place Change – 2018 General Election

Dear Ms. Lamone:

The Prince George's County Board of Elections (PGCBOE) is requesting to move the following polling place:

FROM: District/Precinct 14-11
Bowie State University (McKeldin Gym),
14000 Jericho Park Road
Bowie, Maryland

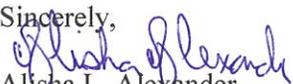
TO: District/Precinct 14-11
Bowie State University (Student Center),
14000 Jericho Park Road
Bowie, Maryland

The polling place change is being requested because Bowie State University's McKeldin Gym flooded during the most recent series of storms. As a result, the floor and ceilings are buckling and there is concern of mold spores.

The proposed replacement site, which is Bowie State University's Student Center, is accessible, meets the space, electrical and other requirements necessary for a polling place. In addition, signs will be placed on the entrance of McKeldin Gym and at the entrance of the campus to direct voters to the Student Center. Campus security will also be stationed at the campus entrance to direct voters to the new polling place.

If this request is approved, registered voters in district/precinct 14-11 will be mailed new Voter Notification Cards.

Should you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me on 301-341-7300.

Sincerely,

Alisha L. Alexander
Elections Administrator

David J. McManus, Chairman
Patrick J. Hogan, Vice Chairman
Michael R. Cogan
Malcolm L. Funn
Kelley Howells



Linda H. Lamone
Administrator

Nikki Charlson
Deputy Administrator

Memorandum

To: Members of the State Board of Elections
From: Nikki Charlson
Date: November 15, 2018
Re: Proposed Regulations for November 29th Meeting

At the October meeting, I presented proposed regulations for the new post-election ballot tabulation audit. During the discussion related to these regulations, I stated that additional proposed regulations would be forthcoming to address some of the questions and these future regulations could address some of the discussions. Accompanying this memo are additional proposed regulations related to the post-election ballot tabulation audit and other proposed changes required because of voting system or legislative changes. This memo summarizes the proposed regulations and identifies the proposed changes based on the discussion at the October meeting.

1. 33.08.05.01 – Definitions (page 1): In response to the discussion at the October meeting, I defined “automated software audit” and clarified when the term “precinct” includes an early voting center (Regulations .02 – .06) and when it does not (Regulations .07 – .10). Defining “automated software audit” caused the remaining terms to be renumbered.
2. 33.08.05.09 – Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Manual Audit
 - a. § A – In General (page 1): This new language requires the local boards of elections to provide notice of the post-election manual ballot tabulation audit. The notice proposed for this audit mirrors the notice required for the absentee and provisional canvasses.
 - b. § C – General Election Audit (pages 1-2): This new language defines the process for selecting the early voting center and the scanner from that early voting center whose ballots will be manually audited and how the selected ballots shall be stored. Based on suggestions by staff of the Department of Legislative Services and edited by the Office of the Attorney General, clarifying text was added to (3)(a) – (d).
 - c. § D – Conducting the Manual Audit – In General (page 2): The subsection explains how the manual tabulation will be conducted and generally how to prepare for and conduct the audit. This language parallels regulations relating to conducting a recount. *See* 33.12.05.03 and .04.

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- d. § E – Conducting the Manual Audit – Sort Method (pages 2-3): A local board would use the “sort” method to audit a “vote for one” contest. The proposed language parallels the “sort” method for a recount. *See* 33.12.05.05.
 - e. § F – Conducting the Manual Audit – Tally Method (page 3): A local board would use the “tally” method to audit a “voter for more than one” contest. The proposed language parallels the “tally” method for a recount. *See* 33.12.05.06.
 - f. §G – Post-Manual Audit Activities (page 3): This language explains the post-audit reporting requirements.
3. 33.08.05.10 – Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Automated Audit (page 4): This proposed language would formalize the current practice of not providing the vendor performing the automated audit results until the vendor has provided the results of its tabulation (*i.e.*, the “prisoner exchange”).
 4. 33.10.02 & .03 – AccuVote TS & Model ES-2000 (page 4): Since we no longer use these voting systems, the proposed changes repeal these two chapters.
 5. 33.12.06 – Recount Procedures – Direct Recording Equipment (page 4): Since we no longer use this voting system, the proposed changes repeal the recount procedures for this voting system.
 6. 33.12.07 & .08 – Challenges and Payment of Costs (page 4): Since Chapter 06 will be repealed (see above), Chapters 07 and 08 are renumbered to Chapters 06 and 07, respectively.
 7. 33.17.01.02 – Early Voting – Definitions; General Provisions – Applicability to Elections (pages 4-5): If a local board is conducting a special election by mail, Election Law Article, § 9-503(c)(4) requires a local board to provide at least 1 voting center and the voting center must be open for several days before election day. Because § B of this regulation currently excludes early voting for special elections, the language should be updated to comply with § 9-503(c)(4). The proposed language makes this change.
 8. 33.17.05.02 – Election Judges – Number of Election Judges (page 5): This proposed change removes the reference to the prior voting system and accommodates the new voting system.
 9. 33.17.07.04 – Early Voting – Post-Early Voting Activities (page 5): Chapter 318 of the Laws of Maryland (2015) amended Election Law Article, § 11-301 to allow observation of the process to generate early voting results. The proposed changes to Regulation .04C incorporate the requirements of § 11-301.

If you have any questions before the November 29th meeting, please do not hesitate to ask. Otherwise, I’m happy to answer your questions at the meeting.

Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 08 Canvassing
Chapter 05 Post Election Verification and Audit

Authority Line: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 9-403, 11-201, and 11-309(f), Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Definition.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1) *“Automated software audit” is a software audit performed by an entity other than the vendor of the certified voting system.*

[(1)] (2) – [(2)] (3) (text unchanged)

[(3)] (4) *“Precinct” includes an early voting center in Regulations .02 through .06.*

[(4)] (5) – [(5)] (6) (text unchanged)

.09 Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Manual Audit.

A. In General.

(1) A local board shall:

(a) *At least 10 days before the manual audit starts, provide notice of the manual audit by:*

(i) *Sending via mail notice to the chairman of the county central committee for each political party, each candidate for the contest to be audited who is not a candidate of a political party, and the State Administrator;*

(ii) *Posting on its website the notice; and*

(iii) *Posting in a prominent and publicly accessible location at its office the notice; and*

(b) *Allow [allow], to the extent practicable, for public observation of each part of the manual audit process.*

(2) (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)

C. General Election Audit.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) The State Board shall select the contest to be manually audited and randomly select the *early voting center and precincts* to be manually audited.

(a) *Within 3 days before the start of early voting, the Chair of the State Board or designee shall randomly select 1 early voting center in each county from which a scanner with voted ballots will be manually audited.*

(b) *After 7 pm on the first day of early voting or at the end of the day when the minimum number of ballots to audit is met, a representative of the local board and the chief judges shall select the scanner with the ballots that will be audited.*

[(a)] (c) (text unchanged)

[(b)] (d) (text unchanged)

(3) [A] *The local [board] boards shall conduct a manual audit of voter-verifiable paper records cast during the election as follows:*

(a) For voter-verifiable paper records cast during early voting, [the] *each* local board shall manually audit a number equal to at least 1% of *the total of early* votes cast in the local board's jurisdiction in the previous comparable *general* election.

(b) For voter-verifiable paper records cast on election day, [the] *each* local board shall manually audit at least one randomly chosen precinct in the county and any other *precinct* selected by the State Board.

(c) For voter-verifiable paper records canvassed during the absentee canvasses, [the] *each* local board shall audit a number equal to at least 1% of the [statewide] total of absentee ballots *cast in the local board's jurisdiction* from the previous comparable general election.

(d) For voter-verifiable paper records canvassed during the provisional canvasses, [the] *each* local board shall audit a number equal to at least 1% of the [statewide] total of provisional ballots *cast in the local board's jurisdiction* from the previous comparable general election.

(4) *A local board shall keep the ballots to be audited in secure but separate containers than all other ballots.*

[(4)] (5) (text unchanged)

D. Conducting the Manual Audit – In General.

(1) *The election director shall determine the appropriate audit method.*

(a) *If the contest to be audited is a "Vote for One" contest, the election director shall use the sort method as specified in §E of this Regulation.*

(b) *For all other contests, the election director shall use the tally method as specified in §F of this Regulation.*

(2) *To prepare for the manual audit, the election director shall:*

(a) *Assemble all materials to conduct the audit;*

(b) *Create batches of a controllable number of ballots (for example, 25); and*

(c) *Appoint the teams to conduct the audit, assigning a team identifier to each team (for example, "Team A," "Team B," etc.).*

(3) *To conduct the manual audit, the election director shall:*

(a) *Issue the teams batches of ballots;*

(b) *Record in the audit log:*

(i) *The team identifier;*

(ii) *The ballots issued to the team; and*

(iii) *Later, the ballots returned by the team.*

(4) *If ballots from more than one precinct are being audited, each team may be issued the ballots of only one precinct at a time.*

(5) *If team members do not agree on how a vote should be counted:*

(a) *The team shall refer the ballot to the election director; and*

(b) *The election director shall determine how the vote shall be counted.*

E. Conducting the Manual Audit – Sort Method.

(1) *One team member shall sort and the other team member shall watch to ensure accuracy.*

(2) *The ballots shall be sorted as follows:*

(a) *A batch for each candidate or ballot question response selected by the voter;*

(b) *A batch for ballots without a vote for a contest being tabulated;*

(c) *A batch for ballots for each officially filed write-in candidates; and*

(d) A batch for all other write-in votes.

(2) Once all of the ballots have been sorted, each team member shall independently count the ballots in each batch.

(3) If the team members' results are not identical, they shall retabulate the ballots until they obtain identical results.

(4) When the team members' results are identical, they shall:

(a) Record the vote totals on the batch tally sheet;

(b) Sign the batch tally sheet; and

(c) Give the batch tally sheet and the ballots to the election director.

(5) The election director shall:

(a) Enter the vote totals on the consolidated tally sheets;

(b) Compare the results of the manual audit against the voting system results for that precinct; and

(c) If there are any unexplainable discrepancies, retabulate the ballots where the discrepancy exists.

F. Conducting the Manual Audit – Tally Method.

(1) Each team shall include one caller, two tally clerks, and one watcher.

(2) When practicable, the caller and watcher shall be of different party affiliations.

(3) For each ballot:

(a) The caller shall call the votes cast in the contest being recounted;

(b) The watcher shall ensure the accuracy of the calling; and

(c) The two tally clerks shall each independently record the votes as they are

called.

(4) Periodically, the tally clerks shall compare their results to make sure they are identical.

(5) If the results are not identical, the team shall retabulate the ballots, beginning with the point of the last successful comparison check, until the two tally clerks obtain identical results.

(6) When all votes in the precinct have been tallied, the tally clerks shall:

(a) Record the vote totals on the batch tally sheet;

(b) Sign the batch tally sheet; and

(c) Give the batch tally sheet and the ballots to the election director.

(7) The election director shall:

(a) Enter the vote totals on the consolidated tally sheets;

(b) Compare the results of the manual audit against the voting system results for that precinct; and

(c) If there are any unexplainable discrepancies, retabulate the ballots where the discrepancy exists.

G. Post-Manual Audit Activities. After all ballots have been manually audited, the election director shall:

(1) Complete and sign the contest tally sheet;

(2) With 2 days of completing the audit, submit to the State Administrator the results of the manual audit and any suggestions to improve the voting system and voting process; and

(3) Present at the next meeting of the local board of elections the results of the manual audit.

.10 Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Automated Audit.

A. The State Administrator shall complete the automated audit of:

[A.] (1) (text unchanged)

[B.] (2) (text unchanged)

B. *The State Administrator shall not provide the entity performing the automated audit software with detailed results from the voting system until the entity provides the State Administrator with the results generated by the audit.*

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 10 VOTING SYSTEMS – SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
Chapter 02 AccuVote-TS**

Repeal Chapter 02 AccuVote-TS

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 10 VOTING SYSTEMS – SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES
Chapter 03 Model ES-2000**

Repeal Chapter 03 Model ES-2000

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 12 RECOUNTS
Chapter 06 Recount Procedures – Direct Recording Equipment**

Repeal Chapter 06 Recount Procedures – Direct Recording Equipment

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 12 RECOUNTS
Chapter [07] 06 Challenges**

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 12 RECOUNTS
Chapter [08] 07 Payment of Costs**

**Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 17 EARLY VOTING
Chapter 01 Definitions; General Provisions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 9-503, and 10-301.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Applicability to Elections. (10/12/2018)

A. (text unchanged)

B. Early voting is not applicable for special primary and general elections, *unless the special election is conducted by mail.*

Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 17 EARLY VOTING
Chapter 05 Election Judges

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 10-206(g), and 10-301.1(h), Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Number of Election Judges. (10/12/18)

For each early voting center, a local board shall appoint the following:

A. – C. (text unchanged)

D. At least two election judges [for the touchscreen voting units] *to facilitate voting at the voting booths and ballot marking devices*; and

E. (text unchanged)

Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 17 EARLY VOTING
Chapter 07 Non-Voting Hours Procedures

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 10-301.1, and 11-301, Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Post-Early Voting Activities. (10/12/2018)

A. – B. (text unchanged)

C. Observation [— Exception.] *of Early Voting Results Generation Process.*

(1) *Except as described in §C(2) of this regulation, [A] a local board shall permit any registered voter designated by a candidate, political party, or group of voters supporting or opposing a candidate, principle, or proposition on the ballot to observe this process.*

(2) *A local board shall prohibit [is not required to allow for] observation of part of this process if prohibiting public observation is necessary to ensure:*

(1) The integrity or accuracy of the canvass; or

(2) That the canvass is not impeded.

D. (text unchanged)

November 28, 2018

Chairman McManus and Members of the State Board of Elections,

I have been serving as a chief election judge in Prince George's County since 2004. The precinct where I serve has slightly more than 3,000 registered voters. I don't know how many of them had already voted early or absentee in this election. Our ballot was 3 double-sided pages — our entire state and county governments plus 2 state and 11 county ballot questions.

When we inventoried our supply of ballots on the Monday evening before Election Day while we were setting up our polling place, we found that we had been supplied with 1,300 of each of the 3 pages of the ballot — less than half the number of registered voters in our precinct. By contrast, a friend who worked as an election judge in Anne Arundel County said his precinct with 2,600 registered voters had received 2,000 ballot sets.

In an ordinary Gubernatorial Election our supply might have been plenty, but this year was no ordinary election. Turnout felt more like a Presidential Election than a Gubernatorial one. We had a line of voters waiting when we opened the polls and there was a steady stream until closing, with never a lull. There were times when we had no voters waiting to check in but our voting booths were full most of the day.

We kept a close eye on our ballot supply. At 6:00pm when I called in our turnout numbers we had about 200 ballots left. I didn't know if that would last until closing so I called the Supplies phone number and requested more. The woman I spoke with said they would see if they had more of our ballot style and send them right over. I called back about 6:45 to request an ETA on the ballots since our supplies were quickly dwindling. She could not tell me if any were on their way to us or when we might expect to receive some. I called back at 7:00, but still could not get any information.

At 7:15 we ran out of ballots. Again, the person on the Supplies line had no information about the delivery of more ballots. I asked her what we should do, what to tell the voters. She suggested we have them vote on the Ballot-Marking Device (BMD). We were already doing that but it was very slow. We had about 50 voters waiting in line, many of them with young children, and even if we could process 5 per hour on the BMD (though most voters take far longer for such a long ballot), that would take 10 hours! I asked if any precincts nearby used the same ballot style and might have extras. She said maybe, but many other precincts were running out, too. I asked which precincts used the same ballot style and how to contact them, but she did not have that information.

We decided to take a chance and sent our closing judge to a precinct that we knew was nearby. She returned at 7:50 with a 50-pack of each page and said they had more. We were able to get

voters voting again and I immediately sent our closing judge back to get any extras they could spare. She came back after closing with about 50 more of each page.

Our story had a happy ending – everyone got to vote, no one left, and there was a jubilant atmosphere in the polling place because we tried to stay upbeat and spin it as good news, that turnout was so heavy that we ran out of ballots. We never told the voters that we had no idea when or if we would get more ballots, we just asked for their patience as we tried to resolve the situation. But if the precinct nearby had used a different ballot style or had been out of ballots themselves, it would have been a very different story since no supplies runner ever showed up with the ballots we had ordered. I don't think the mood would have remained upbeat if it had gone on for much longer. It was a real nail-biter for us.

I'd like to offer some suggestions that I hope might be constructive for preventing this type of situation in the future.

1. Greater transparency in determining the number of printed ballots prior to an election. The Counties should present to the LBE and SBE how many ballots they are ordering and on what basis, including the cost per ballot. I know there is a tradeoff between wasting money printing too many ballots vs having too few ballots, but it is preferable to err on the side of having more than enough ballots for all voters to vote.

2. Order additional blank ballot stock so that extra ballots can be printed on short notice, either commercially or by using Maryland's ballot-on-demand machines acquired with the 2012 FVAP grant funds.

3. During and after early voting, there should be a deliberate evaluation of how the turnout compared to expectations. If the turnout was much higher than expected, additional ballots should be ordered or printed on-demand for any ballot styles that might run short.

4. Counties should know the remaining inventory of each ballot style on election day morning, and have the back-up supplies positioned in the regional centers closest to where they might be needed. As the turnout numbers are called in from the precincts to the LBEs on election day, counties should track the inventory of remaining ballots and provide more ballots pre-emptively if it appears that supplies are running low in any precincts.

5. There should be some type of tracking system for supplies en route to precincts so election judges can have some idea when they will receive the supplies they have ordered. A simple Google doc listing who left which warehouse at what time with which supplies destined for which precincts would suffice. Having precincts call in when they received the supplies would enable the dispatchers to update the list so they would have some idea of which runner was where. Having "floaters" who could be deployed as additional runners in emergency situations might also be helpful.

6. Quality control issues with ballots. We had more than 50 spoiled ballots of page 1, and about half of them were rejected by the scanner for reasons we could not discern. The error message simply said that the ballot was unreadable by the scanner, but pages 2 and 3 of the same ballot marked in the same way by the same voter were accepted without any issues. Our technician suspected that we got a “bad batch” of page 1 ballots. It was frustrating for voters to have to go through the process of spoiling a ballot and marking a new one when we could not offer any explanation for why the first one was rejected.

7. Communication with the LBEs is sometimes difficult. The contact person is usually not trained to answer more than basic questions. There should be a higher-level person or people who can answer more complicated questions to whom they can hand off a call when they are unable to provide the information needed. When I requested to speak to someone who might know the answers to my questions, they told me no one was available.

8. LBEs should supply chief judges with a list of all other precincts in the county with addresses and phone numbers so chief judges and technicians can trouble-shoot and help each other in the field during emergency situations when the LBE is not able to respond quickly.

As an election judge, I know that our primary objective is the smooth flow of voters through the polling place with as little inconvenience as possible, and usually we are able to provide that. I know this was an unusual election with much higher turnout than anticipated, with a level of excitement and engagement we would like to see in all of our elections. I do not mean in any way to criticize Ms Alexander’s administration of elections in Prince George’s County — quite the contrary. Both the training and all of the procedures for election judges have improved dramatically under her watch, and I have the highest regard for her and her staff. I offer these suggestions in the humble hope that they might be helpful in preventing a similar situation or in responding to one in the future.

With greatest respect,

Rebecca Wilson
Chief Judge, Precinct 17-01
Mt Rainier Elementary School
Prince George’s County

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

November 29, 2018

1. *Benisek v. Lamone*, No. 1:13-cv-03233 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case involves claims that the State's congressional districting map is an unconstitutional political gerrymander. On the morning of October 4, 2018, a hearing was held on the parties' fully briefed, cross-motions for summary judgment, and on November 7, 2018, the court granted the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment, denied that of the defendants, and awarded judgment to the plaintiffs. As part of its judgment, the court enjoined the State from conducting further elections for the U.S. House of Representatives using the current map, and established a schedule for the State – and, failing that, a three-person commission chaired by Magistrate Judge J. Mark Coulson – to submit a new map to the district court for approval.

On November 15, 2018, the defendants filed a notice of appeal as well as an unopposed motion to stay in the district court. In exchange for obtaining plaintiffs' consent to the motion to stay, defendants agreed to expedite their initial filings in the U.S. Supreme Court in order to increase the likelihood that the case will be heard this term. The district court conditionally granted the motion to stay, ordering that the stay will be lifted if, by July 1, 2019, the Supreme Court has not ruled on the case. Defendants have committed to filing their jurisdictional statement in the Supreme Court by December 3, 2018.

2. *Fusaro v. Davitt et al.*, No: 1:17-cv-03582 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). Plaintiff Dennis Fusaro brought a complaint in federal court alleging that Maryland violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments by limiting access to the voter list to Maryland voters and only for purposes related to the electoral process. On September 4, 2018, the State defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint was granted, and the plaintiff appealed. The appellant's opening brief was filed November 13, 2018. The appellees' brief is due December 13, 2018.

3. *Johnson v. Prince George's County Board of Elections*, No. CAL16-42799 (Cir. Ct. Prince Georges Cnty.). No change from the last update. This case involves a challenge under the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution and Declaration of Rights to the SBE's alleged failure to provide information and access to voter registration and voting resources to eligible voters detained by the Prince Georges County Department of Correction during the 2016 election. The case had been originally filed in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County but was removed on the basis of the federal claims asserted by the Plaintiffs. On February 27, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the

District of Maryland granted SBE's motion to dismiss the Plaintiffs' federal claims, declined to exercise jurisdiction over the state claims, and remanded the case to the Circuit Court for further proceedings. The parties are awaiting further direction from the court.

4. *Claudia Barber v. Maryland Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-17-001691 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.) No change from the last update. On January 25, Ms. Barber appealed from the Circuit Court's January 11 dismissal of her complaint. Ms. Barber sought damages and judicial review of, among other things, the State Board's decision not to issue a declaratory ruling permitting her to use campaign funds to pay for litigation costs she incurred in her unsuccessful attempt to retain her position as an administrative law judge in the District of Columbia. Ms. Barber was ruled ineligible for that position due to her candidacy in 2016 for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. The appeal is fully briefed, and the case is scheduled for argument in February 2019.

5. *Judicial Watch v. Lamone*, No. 1:17-cv-02006-ELH (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case involves the denial of access to Maryland's voter registration database. Under Maryland law, access to the voter registration list is limited to Maryland registered voters and only for non-commercial, election-related uses. Judicial Watch—an elections watchdog group located in Tennessee—requested Maryland's voter registration "database" and was denied because it was not a Maryland registered voter. Judicial Watch filed suit, arguing that the database was required to be disclosed under the federal National Voter Registration Act. The case is currently in discovery, which is scheduled close December 5, 2018. Summary judgment motions are due January 29, 2019.

6. *Segal v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. 1:18-cv-2731 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). On September 5, 2018, Jerome Segal filed a complaint seeking a preliminary and permanent injunction requiring the State Board of Elections to accept the petition filed in support of the creation of the Bread and Roses party, and to include plaintiff's name on the general election ballot as the Bread and Roses Party's nominee for the U.S. Senate contest. The State Board had rejected the petition on the ground that it lacked a sufficient number of valid signatures, and had rejected plaintiff's candidacy on the ground that the party whose nomination he sought had not been recognized and that plaintiff's participation in the Democratic primary precluded him under Maryland law from appearing on the general election ballot. On September 18, 2018, the court held a hearing on plaintiff's request for preliminary injunctive relief, and denied the request. On September 19, 2018, plaintiff appealed and requested expedited appellate proceedings. On October 11, 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit affirmed the

district court's denial of the preliminary injunction. Plaintiff subsequently sought *en banc* review of that disposition, which was denied on November 14, 2018. The case has been remanded to the district court for further proceedings.

7. *Libertarian Party of Maryland v. Lamone*, No. 1:18-cv-02825 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). On September 11, 2018, the Libertarian Party of Maryland brought an action challenging the removal of Ms. Ademiluyi's candidacy for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County as a violation of the party's constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Initially, the party sought unsuccessfully to stay the state court proceedings in *Egbuonu v. Lamone*, and then, after judgment was entered in that state proceeding, sought to enjoin the State defendants from following the judgment in *Egbuonu*. On September 20, 2018, the Court held a hearing on the party's motion for preliminary injunction was held, and denied the motion. On November 5, 2018, the plaintiff voluntarily dismissed the case.

8. *The Washington Post, et al. v. McManus, et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-02527 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case presents a challenge by a coalition of newspaper publishers that maintain an online presence to certain provisions of the recently-passed Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act (the "Act"). Specifically, the plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of the Act's imposition of disclosure obligations on newspaper publishers that accept online political ads, its use of terms in defining those obligations that are allegedly vague and overbroad, and its empowerment of the Attorney General to pursue injunctive remedies for violations of the Act. The plaintiffs also contend that the Act is preempted by the federal Communications Decency Act. The plaintiffs filed their complaint along with a motion for preliminary injunction on August 17, 2018, naming the individual members of the State Board, the State Administrator, and the Attorney General as defendants. A hearing on the plaintiffs' motion was held on November 16, 2018. The court has yet to rule on the motion.

9. *Hanna v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-002660 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.). On September 5, 2018, plaintiff Willie Hanna filed suit to challenge the State Board's rejection of his petition candidacy for the contest for Delegate representing the 40th legislative district, on the ground that he had not submitted sufficient verifiable signatures in support of his petition. Mr. Hanna used a petition form that omitted several components that are required by Maryland law. On September 11, a summons was issued but to date only the complaint has been served on the Defendant. On October 11, 2018, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss or, in the alternative, for summary judgment. No response in opposition to that motion has been filed. The Court has set a hearing on the motion for January 19, 2019.

2018 Gubernatorial General Election
Absentee Voting

County	Ballots Sent	Ballots Received	Ballots Accepted	Ballots Rejected
Allegany	1,677	1,343	80.08%	1,331
Anne Arundel	14,761	11,768	79.72%	11,565
Baltimore City	10,390	7,740	74.49%	7,606
Baltimore County	18,180	13,862	76.25%	13,581
Calvert	2,562	2,010	78.45%	1,970
Caroline	425	338	79.53%	335
Carroll	3,482	2,802	80.47%	2,742
Cecil	1,527	1,204	78.85%	1,189
Charles	2,828	2,093	74.01%	2,049
Dorchester	712	615	86.38%	609
Frederick	6,874	5,377	78.22%	5,255
Garrett	732	615	84.02%	611
Harford	4,281	3,338	77.97%	3,277
Howard	8,732	6,766	77.49%	6,591
Kent	482	397	82.37%	394
Montgomery	48,068	37,538	78.09%	37,030
Prince George's	17,524	12,946	73.88%	12,452
Queen Anne's	1,040	829	79.71%	815
Saint Mary's	2,385	1,852	77.65%	1,822
Somerset	367	305	83.11%	305
Talbot	1,141	950	83.26%	928
Washington	3,626	2,930	80.81%	2,898
Wicomico	2,041	1,568	76.83%	1,542
Worcester	1,594	1,331	83.50%	1,318
Statewide	155,431	120,517	77.54%	118,215
				98.09%
				2,302
				1.91%

1. This table includes Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots (FWABs) received by the local boards of elections but does not include absentee ballots that were undeliverable to the voter and returned to the local board of elections.

Reasons for Rejecting Absentee Ballots

Board Action	480	20.85%
Identification of DL# or SS# was not timely received	7	0.30%
Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	13	0.56%
Identifying Mark on Ballot	43	1.87%
Late for election	1219	52.95%
No absentee ballot application	75	3.26%
No signature	322	13.99%
Original state absentee ballot received (FWAB rejected)	24	1.04%
Surrendered absentee ballot at polls	51	2.22%
Used Agent and Ballot Envelope not sealed	4	0.17%
Voted more than one ballot	64	2.78%
Total	2302	

2018 Gubernatorial General Election
Total Voter Turnout

County	Early Voting		Polling Place (Election Day)		Absentee		Provisional		Total
Allegany	2,654	11.06%	19,280	80.33%	1,343	5.60%	725	3.02%	24,002
Anne Arundel	69,496	29.97%	145,759	62.86%	11,768	5.07%	4,874	2.10%	231,897
Baltimore City	47,682	25.49%	123,273	65.90%	7,740	4.14%	8,365	4.47%	187,060
Baltimore County	102,163	31.06%	205,860	62.58%	13,862	4.21%	7,088	2.15%	328,973
Calvert	8,839	22.16%	28,601	71.72%	2,010	5.04%	431	1.08%	39,881
Caroline	3,123	26.83%	8,055	69.21%	338	2.90%	122	1.05%	11,638
Carroll	16,949	22.38%	55,411	73.17%	2,802	3.70%	571	0.75%	75,733
Cecil	7,857	22.19%	25,996	73.44%	1,204	3.40%	343	0.97%	35,400
Charles	16,879	25.75%	45,074	68.76%	2,093	3.19%	1,507	2.30%	65,553
Dorchester	3,030	24.09%	8,805	70.01%	615	4.89%	126	1.00%	12,576
Frederick	23,919	21.99%	77,779	71.50%	5,377	4.94%	1,707	1.57%	108,782
Garrett	2,830	25.25%	7,638	68.14%	615	5.49%	127	1.13%	11,210
Harford	36,032	32.29%	70,992	63.61%	3,338	2.99%	1,238	1.11%	111,600
Howard	47,186	32.49%	89,230	61.44%	6,766	4.66%	2,053	1.41%	145,235
Kent	2,986	33.96%	5,308	60.37%	397	4.52%	101	1.15%	8,792
Montgomery	113,672	27.51%	251,431	60.86%	37,538	9.09%	10,496	2.54%	413,137
Prince George's	102,863	31.81%	196,338	60.72%	12,946	4.00%	11,205	3.47%	323,352
Queen Anne's	9,018	39.00%	12,996	56.20%	829	3.58%	282	1.22%	23,125
Saint Mary's	9,750	23.79%	28,676	69.97%	1,852	4.52%	706	1.72%	40,984
Somerset	2,197	27.75%	4,992	63.05%	305	3.85%	424	5.35%	7,918
Talbot	8,544	46.19%	8,813	47.64%	950	5.14%	192	1.04%	18,499
Washington	8,757	17.00%	39,007	75.74%	2,930	5.69%	810	1.57%	51,504
Wicomico	10,019	29.37%	21,825	63.98%	1,568	4.60%	700	2.05%	34,112
Worcester	6,743	27.90%	15,774	65.28%	1,331	5.51%	317	1.31%	24,165
Statewide	663,188	28.40%	1,496,913	64.10%	120,517	5.16%	54,510	2.33%	2,335,128

Turnout includes all voters who voted in the 2018 General Election, regardless of whether their absentee or provisional ballots were counted and included in the election results.

Source: Statewide voter registration system

2018 Gubernatorial General Election
Provisional Voting

County	Provisional Ballots Cast	# Accepted in Full		# Accepted in Part		# Rejected	
Allegany	725	218	30.1%	494	68.1%	13	1.8%
Anne Arundel	4,874	3,162	64.9%	1,154	23.7%	558	11.4%
Baltimore City	8,365	4,928	58.9%	2,708	32.4%	729	8.7%
Baltimore County	7,088	3,987	56.3%	2,466	34.8%	635	9.0%
Calvert	431	331	76.8%	52	12.1%	48	11.1%
Caroline	122	95	77.9%	13	10.7%	14	11.5%
Carroll	571	429	75.1%	97	17.0%	45	7.9%
Cecil	343	148	43.1%	66	19.2%	129	37.6%
Charles	1,507	1,227	81.4%	149	9.9%	131	8.7%
Dorchester	126	70	55.6%	39	31.0%	17	13.5%
Frederick	1,707	1,221	71.5%	316	18.5%	170	10.0%
Garrett	127	92	72.4%	28	22.0%	7	5.5%
Harford	1,238	837	67.6%	317	25.6%	84	6.8%
Howard	2,053	1,450	70.6%	391	19.0%	212	10.3%
Kent	101	82	81.2%	14	13.9%	5	5.0%
Montgomery	10,496	7,385	70.4%	2,061	19.6%	1,050	10.0%
Prince George's	11,205	5,366	47.9%	4,663	41.6%	1,176	10.5%
Queen Anne's	282	232	82.3%	24	8.5%	26	9.2%
Saint Mary's	706	544	77.1%	100	14.2%	62	8.8%
Somerset	424	69	16.3%	340	80.2%	15	3.5%
Talbot	192	89	46.4%	86	44.8%	17	8.9%
Washington	810	661	81.6%	75	9.3%	74	9.1%
Wicomico	700	325	46.4%	331	47.3%	44	6.3%
Worcester	317	225	71.0%	69	21.8%	23	7.3%
State Totals	54,510	33,173	60.9%	16,053	29.4%	5,284	9.7%

Reasons for Rejecting Provisional Ballots

01 - Applicant is not registered to vote	4257	80.6%
02 - Applicant returned a voted absentee ballot or already voted	179	3.4%
03 - Applicant voted the wrong party primary ballot	1	0.0%
04 - No signature on application	120	2.3%
05 - Applicant not eligible to receive a provisional ballot	72	1.4%
06 - Identification or DL# or SS# was not timely received	62	1.2%
07 - Incomplete information was provided on the application	143	2.7%
08 - DL# or SS# was received but was not verified	113	2.1%
09 - Identification was received but did not satisfy the identification requirements	3	0.1%
10 - No provisional ballot or more than one provisional ballot in envelope	173	3.3%
14 - Identifying mark on the ballot	1	0.0%
15 - Applicant is not 18 years old by the general election	106	2.0%
15 - Proof of residency was not timely received	53	1.0%
16 - Proof of residency was timely received but did not satisfy the requirements	1	0.0%
Total	5,284	

2018 Gubernatorial General Election
Total Votes Counted

County	Early Voting		Polling Place (Election Day)		Absentee		Provisional		Total
Allegany	2,654	11.07%	19,280	80.41%	1,331	5.55%	712	2.97%	23,977
Anne Arundel	69,496	30.07%	145,759	63.06%	11,565	5.00%	4,316	1.87%	231,136
Baltimore City	47,682	25.61%	123,273	66.21%	7,606	4.08%	7,636	4.10%	186,197
Baltimore County	102,163	31.14%	205,860	62.75%	13,581	4.14%	6,453	1.97%	328,057
Calvert	8,839	22.21%	28,601	71.87%	1,970	4.95%	383	0.96%	39,793
Caroline	3,123	26.87%	8,055	69.31%	335	2.88%	108	0.93%	11,621
Carroll	16,949	22.41%	55,411	73.27%	2,742	3.63%	526	0.70%	75,628
Cecil	7,857	22.29%	25,996	73.73%	1,189	3.37%	214	0.61%	35,256
Charles	16,879	25.82%	45,074	68.94%	2,049	3.13%	1,376	2.10%	65,378
Dorchester	3,030	24.14%	8,805	70.14%	609	4.85%	109	0.87%	12,553
Frederick	23,919	22.05%	77,779	71.69%	5,255	4.84%	1,537	1.42%	108,490
Garrett	2,830	25.27%	7,638	68.20%	611	5.46%	120	1.07%	11,199
Harford	36,032	32.33%	70,992	63.70%	3,277	2.94%	1,154	1.04%	111,455
Howard	47,186	32.58%	89,230	61.60%	6,591	4.55%	1,841	1.27%	144,848
Kent	2,986	33.99%	5,308	60.43%	394	4.49%	96	1.09%	8,784
Montgomery	113,672	27.62%	251,431	61.09%	37,030	9.00%	9,446	2.30%	411,579
Prince George's	102,863	31.98%	196,338	61.03%	12,452	3.87%	10,029	3.12%	321,682
Queen Anne's	9,018	39.06%	12,996	56.30%	815	3.53%	256	1.11%	23,085
Saint Mary's	9,750	23.84%	28,676	70.13%	1,822	4.46%	644	1.57%	40,892
Somerset	2,197	27.80%	4,992	63.17%	305	3.86%	409	5.18%	7,903
Talbot	8,544	46.28%	8,813	47.74%	928	5.03%	175	0.95%	18,460
Washington	8,757	17.04%	39,007	75.89%	2,898	5.64%	736	1.43%	51,398
Wicomico	10,019	29.43%	21,825	64.11%	1,542	4.53%	656	1.93%	34,042
Worcester	6,743	27.95%	15,774	65.37%	1,318	5.46%	294	1.22%	24,129
Statewide	663,188	28.49%	1,496,913	64.31%	118,215	5.08%	49,226	2.11%	2,327,542

This table includes voters who voted in the 2018 Primary Election and whose ballots were counted. It does not include voters whose absentee or provisional ballots were rejected.

Source: Statewide voter registration system