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# Maryland State Board of Elections Highlights Key Voting Information and Deadlines for Prince George's County Special Election for County Executive and District 5

**ANNAPOLIS** (January 17, 2025) – The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) today announced key voting information for the upcoming Prince George's County Special Election, emphasizing the importance of understanding voting methods and deadlines to ensure a smooth and accessible voting process. The primary election will be held on March 4, 2025, with ballots being mailed to every eligible Prince George's County voter in late January.

"The Prince George's County Special Election is a vote-by-mail election," said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. "We are encouraging all Prince George's County eligible voters to vote by mail or make a plan to vote. We encourage voters to vote by mail in this special election. 19 ballot drop boxes are conveniently located throughout the county. Additionally, our team is here to answer any questions and provide support to ensure every voter's voice is heard. We are the trusted source of electoral information."

### **Three Ways to Vote**

While the primary method is vote by mail for the Special Election, voters in Prince George's County can participate through three safe and secure methods: in-person early voting, mail-in voting, and in-person voting on Election Day.

# Important Deadlines and Voting Details:

Prince George's Special Primary Election Calendar	Primary
Mail-In Ballots Sent via Mail and Web Delivery	Begins January 18
Close of Voter Registration	February 11
Early Voting	February 26 - March 3
Election Day	March 4

### Mail-In Voting:

Every eligible Prince George's County voter will receive a mail in ballot that will include a
postage pre-paid return envelope. A voter did not need to make any request for the
ballot. It is automatically sent to the voter in a vote by mail election. Around 502,000
ballots are being sent in this election.



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- Mail-in ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Ballots returned by hand must be delivered to a ballot drop box or the local board of elections office by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Drop box locations can be found on SBE's website at https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/special\_elections.html
- The deadline to receive a mail-in ballot by mail to an address other than the address of record is February 25.

## **Vote Early In-Person:**

- Early voting will be held from February 26 March 3, 2025 at nine voting centers.
- Early voting centers will be open 10 am 8 pm Wednesday through Saturday (and the Monday before Election Day) and 12 pm - 6 pm on Sunday. A complete list of early voting locations is available on the SBE website at https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/special\_elections.html.

### **Vote on Election Day:**

- Primary Election Day is scheduled for March 4, 2025. Nine Voting Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- A complete list of early voting locations is available on the SBE website at https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/special\_elections.html.

### **Register to Vote**

The advanced voter registration deadline for the Special Election is February 11. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by this date. To register or check the status of your voter registration, visit SBE's online voter registration system at https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1.

Same-day voter registration is also available during early voting and on Election Day. Voters registering at a voting center must bring a document that confirms their residency, such as a utility bill or bank statement.

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