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The Maryland State Board of Elections confirms Department of Justice Election Monitors in the Upcoming Election

ANNAPOLIS (October 27, 2026) – The Maryland State Board of Elections received notice that the Department of Justice will send election monitors to Prince George’s County for the General Election on November 3rd. The monitors’ state purpose is to observe compliance with the minority language provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

Election monitors and observers, whether domestic or international, are not a novel part of the election process. Federal election monitors have been sent to polling places to check for compliance with civil rights laws protecting the right to vote in previous Maryland elections and in many other states.

Election monitors remain subject to the laws of our State. They are prohibited from intimidating and communicating with any voters inside the polling places. They will not wear any Department of Justice identifiers. These monitors will only observe and take notes from the designated observation areas. They do not intrude, disrupt, or interfere with the voting process in any way.

Maryland elections are open and transparent. The Maryland State Board of Elections is fully committed to administering another verified, fair and accessible election in compliance with federal and State laws.

Jared DeMarinis, State Administrator of Elections, states, “Maryland’s electoral process is verified, open, transparent, and secure. The State Board and every local board takes the responsibility of administering Maryland’s elections very seriously. Every voter has the right to have their vote counted and their voice heard in a safe environment free from intimidation, harassment or threats. I am proud of the work we do and of every election administrator who makes it possible.”

Important Election Reminders

Remember, early voting is happening now and runs until Thursday, October 29 with early voting centers open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Voters who are in line by 8 p.m. can cast a ballot. A complete list of early voting centers is available online at vote.md.gov/vote2026.

There is still time to register to vote in the General Election. Marylanders can register when they cast their vote during early voting or on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3.) Make sure to bring a [document](#) that proves where you live when you [attempt to vote at your local polling place or early voting center](#).

Early voting is one of three options to cast your ballot in this election. The other two are mail-in voting and in-person voting on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. For additional information about these options and the 2026 General Election, visit vote.md.gov/vote2026 or download the free Go Vote Maryland! app from the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple store](#).

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