



# Election Judge News

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“The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” - Abraham Lincoln

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## New for 2024

House Bill 0700 passed and is set to become effective on June 1, 2024. This new law requires county governments to provide administrative leave to its' employees who work as election judges. It also allows high school students to both get paid and receive service-learning credit as election judges. Get the word out to any and all young people who may be interested in working as election judges that they may receive service learning credit along with a paycheck!

## Polling Place Guidance

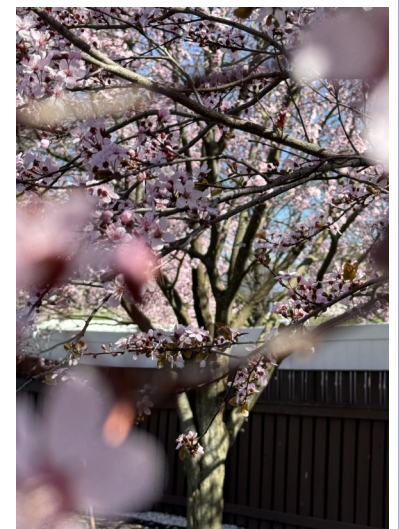
The State of Maryland Office of the Attorney General has released guidance for election judges regarding voter intimidation in the polling place. The guidance states that voter intimidation should be reported. Some examples of voter intimidation may include:

- violent behavior inside or outside a polling place
  - disrupting voting lines or blocking the entrance to the polling place
  - Verbal threats of violence
- Elections judges...are charged with ensuring that:
- Each voter's right to cast a ballot in privacy is maintained
  - The integrity of the voting process is preserved
  - The accuracy of the counting process is protected
  - Order in the polling place is maintained

What does all of this mean to you? If there is a voter in the polling place or within the 100ft No Electioneering Zone outside who is being disruptive or acting in a threatening manor, please get a chief judge and report the behavior.

## Reminders

- ◆ There are still some election judges who have not completed all payroll paperwork yet. I can not stress enough how important it is to get this completed as soon as possible. If you no longer have the email with the link to the paperwork please call the office or Sherie directly at **240-313-2058**. You must submit either a valid Passport **OR** a Driver's License **AND** Social Security Card. If you are not able to upload these documents at home, please bring them to the office so we can submit them on your behalf. If you cannot make it in to the office, you may also email pictures of your identification to Sherie at [sherie.nigh1@maryland.gov](mailto:sherie.nigh1@maryland.gov) (that is the number (1) one, in her email address).
- ◆ Please remember that the call center is currently receiving our office calls if you dial the main number. If you want to avoid getting stuck in the call center and need to contact the office, please call **240-313-2057**.
- ◆ Don't forget that our Election Judge webpage is full of useful information for your specific job. Scroll through the information provided for your position. Be sure to
- ◆ We're happy to report that our first canvass was Monday, April 22 and went very well! Thank you to all who were able to help out! The canvass numbers from Monday have been posted on our website. Our next canvass will be Friday, May 10.
- ◆ If you have not already made a plan to vote and are not working in your home precinct for election day on May 14, please be sure to request an absentee/mail-in ballot or remember to vote early in person!
- ◆ Chief Judges—supply pick up will be the morning of Saturday, May 11.





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## 2024 Presidential Primary Election

### Early Voting:

May 2-9, 2024 7AM-8PM

### Election Day:

May 14, 2024 7AM-8PM

## 2024 Presidential General Election

### Early Voting:

October 24-31, 2024  
7AM-8PM

### Election Day:

November 5, 2024 7AM-8PM



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### Early Voting Centers

Early Voting begins Thursday, May 2 and goes through the following Thursday, May 9. We have three (3) Early Voting Centers:

#### Election Center

17718 Virginia Avenue  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

#### Smithsburg Library

66 West Water Street  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

#### Boonsboro American Legion

710 North Main Street  
Boonsboro, MD 21713

### Drop Boxes

This year we have eight (8) drop box locations around the county. If you have requested a mail-in ballot and are ready to return it, you may put it in the mail, bring it in to the office in person, or put it in any of the eight drop boxes located:

#### Election Center

17718 Virginia Avenue  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

#### Williamsport Town Hall

2 N. Conococheague Street  
Williamsport, MD 21795

#### Washington County Free Library

100 S. Potomac Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

#### Clear Spring Town Hall

146 Cumberland Street  
Clear Spring, MD 21722

#### Hancock Town Hall

126 West High Street  
Hancock, MD 21750

#### Boonsboro Town Hall

21 North Main Street  
Boonsboro, MD 21713

#### Smithsburg Town Hall

21 West Water Street  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

#### Keedysville Town Hall

19 S. Main Street  
Keedysville, MD 21756

### Training Center

Excerpts from Chapter 4 – People and Activities in the Polling Place

#### 4.3 Challengers and Watchers Cont'd

A challenger and watcher who wants to talk with a voter must do so outside the polling place and outside the "No Electioneering Zone."

In addition, a challenger and watcher **CANNOT** attempt to:

- Find out how a voter voted or intends to vote.
- Talk with any voter in the polling room.
- Help any voter with voting.
- Interfere with the election process.
- Keep any voter from talking to an election judge.
- Physically touch an original election document or any ballot marking device, scanning unit, or pollbook.
- Use a cell phone, laptop, pager, or other electronic device in the polling place.

### Fun Facts

Some U.S. election fun facts to keep your election trivia game going strong:

- ◆ George Washington is the only president ever elected unanimously.
- ◆ James Monroe received every electoral vote but one in 1820. A New Hampshire delegate wanted George Washington to remain the only president elected unanimously.
- ◆ Martin Van Buren was the first natural-born American to become president in 1837.
- ◆ President Zachary Taylor never once voted prior to his electoral victory, keeping his political beliefs a secret right up until his election in 1848.
- ◆ Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for U.S. President. She ran in 1872.
- ◆ Gerald Ford is the only person who served as both president and vice president, but was never elected to either office.
- ◆ There have been (8) U.S. Presidents that have died while in office; four were (4) assassinated and 4 passed away from other causes.
- ◆ Millard Fillmore, a member of the Whig party, was the last U.S. President to be elected to office that was neither a Democrat nor a Republican.
- ◆ President Ulysses S. Grant was given a \$20 speeding ticket for riding his horse and buggy too fast down a Washington, D.C. street.

**Trivia Question:** Which U.S. President was a licensed bartender and co-owned a bar/liquor store?

**Answer below:**

