

# HOUSE BILL 115

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By: Delegate Wilkins

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2       **Election Law – Individuals Released From State Correctional Facilities –**  
3                   **Automatic Restoration of Voter Registration**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services  
5       to transmit a certain list of individuals released from incarceration at a State  
6       correctional facility to the State Board of Elections in a certain manner; requiring  
7       the State Board to automatically restore the voter registration of certain individuals  
8       released from State correctional facilities who were registered to vote in the State  
9       before being incarcerated; prohibiting certain information regarding voters  
10      registered through the Department from being disclosed under the Public  
11      Information Act; and generally relating to automatic restoration of voter registration  
12      for individuals released from State correctional facilities.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14       Article – Correctional Services  
15       Section 1–101(a), (f), and (q) and 2–601  
16       Annotated Code of Maryland  
17       (2025 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to  
19       Article – Election Law  
20       Section 3–203.1  
21       Annotated Code of Maryland  
22       (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23       SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25                   **Article – Correctional Services**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 1–101.

2 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (f) “Department” means the Department of Public Safety and Correctional  
4 Services.

5 (q) (1) “State correctional facility” means a correctional facility that is  
6 operated by the State.

7 (2) “State correctional facility” includes:

8 (i) the Patuxent Institution;

9 (ii) the Baltimore City Detention Center; and

10 (iii) the centralized booking facility in Baltimore City that is operated  
11 by the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services in the Department of Public Safety and  
12 Correctional Services.

13 2–601.

14 The Department shall:

15 (1) provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with  
16 a voter registration application and documentation with the individual’s discharge papers  
17 that informs the individual that the individual’s voting rights have been restored;

18 (2) display a sign in each parole and probation office, in a conspicuous  
19 location where notices to the public are customarily posted, indicating that any individual  
20 who is no longer incarcerated has the right to vote; and

21 (3) post a notice, in a conspicuous location on the Department’s website,  
22 indicating that any individual who is no longer incarcerated has the right to vote.

## 23 Article – Election Law

24 3–203.1.

25 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING  
26 STATED IN § 1–101 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE.

27 (B) ON A WEEKLY BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
28 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT TO THE STATE  
29 BOARD A LIST THAT INCLUDES THE NAME AND NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF EACH

1 INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS RELEASED FROM INCARCERATION AT A STATE  
2 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING WEEK.

3 (C) ON RECEIPT OF THE LIST UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,  
4 THE STATE BOARD SHALL IDENTIFY EACH INDIVIDUAL ON THE LIST WHO WAS  
5 REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE STATE BEFORE BEING INCARCERATED AND WHOSE  
6 NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS IS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

7 (D) THE STATE BOARD SHALL AUTOMATICALLY RESTORE THE VOTER  
8 REGISTRATION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS  
9 SECTION AT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND GIVE THE  
10 INDIVIDUAL ACTIVE VOTER STATUS.

11 (E) WITH THE VOTER NOTIFICATION CARD THAT IS SENT IN ACCORDANCE  
12 WITH § 3-301(C) OF THIS TITLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHOSE VOTER REGISTRATION  
13 IS RESTORED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE ELECTION DIRECTOR  
14 SHALL ENCLOSE A NOTICE THAT INCLUDES A STATEMENT THAT:

15 (1) THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE AT THE  
16 RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDED TO A STATE AGENCY;

17 (2) THE INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE STATE IN ALL  
18 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ELECTIONS; AND

19 (3) IF THE INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO DECLINE VOTER REGISTRATION,  
20 OR IF THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS TO UPDATE THE INDIVIDUAL'S RESIDENTIAL  
21 ADDRESS, THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OR THE  
22 APPROPRIATE LOCAL BOARD.

23 (F) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT, THE FACT THAT A  
24 PARTICULAR VOTER WAS REGISTERED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
25 SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE  
26 DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 January 1, 2027.