

The Election Connection

October 2024

2024 Presidential General Election Assignments

Assignments are attached to this newsletter. If you are unable to serve your assignment, please contact us IMMEDIATELY!

Reminder- \$50 will be paid for in person training attendance. An additional \$50 will be paid for service on Election Day, November 5, 2024.



IMPORTANT DATES



2024 Presidential
General Early
Voting

October 24-31,
2024

2024 Presidential
General Election
Day

November 5, 2024

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Do You Have a Voting Plan?

If you are serving as an Election Judge on Election Day, start thinking about your voting plan. You may not be scheduled to serve at your home polling place and you will not be able to leave your post to go vote. So, what are your options?

- 1) You may go vote during Early Voting. Early Voting for the 2024 Presidential General will be October 24-31, 2024, from 7 am- 8 pm at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2) You may request a Mail-in Ballot. Visit <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1>
You may also complete a hardcopy request in our office or have it mailed to you.
- 3) If you are assigned to your HOME PRECINCT you may vote during your assigned break.
- 4) If you are not assigned to your home precinct and you choose to vote at the polling place where you are serving, you must vote a provisional ballot.

SBE IS THE TRUSTED SOURCE

Maryland's State Board of Elections (SBE) is the trusted source for election information. Voters can visit SBE's website to register, update their registration, and request a mail-in ballot application. This website also has information about elections, including local and statewide statistics, rumor control, and a way to report dis/misinformation. Visit www.elections.maryland.gov today!

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**"Today is a good day to try."
Quasimodo, in the 1996 Disney film
The Hunchback of Notre Dame.**

Challengers & Watchers

A Maryland registered voter may be designated as a challenger or watcher. A designated challenger or watcher must provide a copy of a **properly signed** Challenger & Watcher Certificate to a Chief Judge upon entering the polling place.

The Challengers and Watchers Manual can be found at elections.maryland.gov/pdf/Challengers_and_Watchers_Manual.pdf.

Protecting Election Officials Act of 2024

On April 9, 2024, Governor Wes Moore signed the Protecting Elections Officials Act of 2024 (SB480/HB585). Election Judges are included in the definition of “Election Officials”. This article in Election Law is for “the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully making a threat to harm an election official or an immediate family member of an election official because of the election official’s role in administering the election process; and generally relating to prohibiting threats against election officials and their immediate family members.” (Senate Bill 480/ House Bill 585). Signs are posted in our office. To read the press release and further information, visit

https://www.elections.maryland.gov/press_room/documents/SBE%20Statement%204_9_24.pdf

BMD LANGUAGE FOR THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CYCLE

Any voter can use the ballot marking device (BMD). The election judge who gives a ballot to a voter will tell each voter:

“Would you prefer to mark your ballot using the ballot marking device, or by hand using a pen?”

Test Your Knowledge!

1. to sign up to vote (8 letters)
2. meeting at which each major political party's candidate is officially chosen (10 letters)
3. a change to the constitution (9 letters)
4. a survey of people's opinions (4 letters)
5. a ceremony in which the new President takes office (12 letters)
6. suggest a candidate (8 letters)
7. a person running for an elected position (9 letters)
8. an event hosted by a candidate to raise money (10 letters)
9. a list with the names of the candidates on which the voter marks a choice (6 letters)
10. the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (2 words/ total of 11 letters)

Answer Bank

poll candidate ballot fundraiser
register convention amendment
inauguration Election Day nominate



DID YOU KNOW...?

The Maryland General Assembly consists of 47 Senators and 141 Delegates.

There are 47 legislative election districts, each having 1 Senator and 3 Delegates.

Talbot is part of Legislative District 37.