

HOUSE BILL 1205

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By: **Delegate Mautz**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – 2020 Presidential General Election – Report on Use of Mail-in**
3 **Ballots**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections to submit a certain report to the
5 General Assembly regarding the use of mail-in ballots in the 2020 presidential
6 general election on or before a certain date; requiring the report to include certain
7 information; and generally relating to the 2020 presidential general election.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That:

10 (a) On or before July 4, 2021, the State Board of Elections shall submit a report
11 to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on
12 the use of mail-in ballots in the 2020 presidential general election.

13 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

14 (1) the number of mail-in ballots requested in the 2020 presidential
15 general election and the number of mail-in ballots cast by voters;

16 (2) the number of mail-in ballots that were mailed to voters in each county;

17 (3) a detailed explanation of the process used to validate:

18 (i) the authenticity of mail-in ballots; and

19 (ii) the authenticity of signatures on mail-in ballots;

20 (4) a detailed explanation of the process used to verify that individuals did
21 not vote both by mail and in person in the 2020 presidential general election;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (5) a detailed explanation of:
- 2 (i) the deadline adopted by the State Board of Elections to
3 determine whether mail-in ballots were timely; and
- 4 (ii) how that deadline was enforced;
- 5 (6) an explanation of:
- 6 (i) the use of ballot drop boxes;
- 7 (ii) the number and locations of ballot drop boxes used in each county
8 in the 2020 presidential general election; and
- 9 (iii) the number of mail-in ballots collected at each ballot drop box
10 location and the total number of mail-in ballots collected in ballot drop boxes in each
11 county;
- 12 (7) the opinion of the State Board of Elections on the appropriate use of
13 mail-in ballots and when they may be sent to voters;
- 14 (8) the opinion of the State Board on the use of ballot drop boxes;
- 15 (9) an explanation of the law and regulations governing individuals
16 collecting ballots from voters and depositing the ballots in ballot drop boxes; and
- 17 (10) an explanation of how mail-in ballots deposited in ballot drop boxes by
18 voters who reside outside the county in which the ballot drop box is located are transferred
19 to and counted and reported by the appropriate local board.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
21 1, 2021.