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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

LOCAL BOARD POLICY – 2026.1

SB670/HB1001 – Election Law Authority at Polling Places, Early Voting Centers, and Counting Centers

SB670/HB1001 was passed by the General Assembly during its 2026 session. Election Law §10-311 (c)(1)(III) states:

“A designating person shall submit a copy of the certificate of an accredited challenger or watcher to the appropriate local board before the accredited challenger or watcher may enter the voting room.”

It will be the policy of the Howard County Board of Elections to direct the Election Director to accept a certificate of an accredited challenger and watcher by no later than 4:30 pm the day before each day of early voting or the day before election day. If the Election Director does not receive the certificate of an accredited challenger and watcher by no later than 4:30 pm prior to each day of early voting or the day before election day, the chief judges at the early voting center or polling place will not permit access for the challenger/watcher to the voting location.

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