

Defend Democracy Team – Bills of Interest – updated 3/9

Bill(s)	Committees	Sponsor(s)	Support?	Comments
Campaign Finance/Ethics				
House Joint Resolution 1 (HJ1) / Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJ1) - United States Constitution – Amendments Convention – Democracy Amendment	Rules and Executive Nominations/ Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (EHEA)	Dels. McKay , Arentz , Buckel , Cassilly , Chisholm , Ciliberti , M - Fisher , Hartman , Impallaria , Kittleman , Malone , Mangione , Mautz , McComas , Reilly , Rose , Saab , Shoemaker , and Wivell / Sens. Pinsky , Carter , Elfreth , Feldman , Ferguson , Guzzone , Hayes , Kelley , King , Klausmeier , Kramer , Lam , Lee , McCray , Nathan-Pulliam , Peters , Rosapepe , Smith , Young , and Zucker	No	This is a dangerous time to call for a Constitutional Convention, a chance to make any amendment with little control of the process. Common Cause and others are against these Resolutions for that reason, even though the stated goal is to overturn <i>Citizens United</i>
HB1017 – MD Small Donor Incentive Act/ SB0414 - Public Funding and Small Donor Act for General Assembly Elections	Way and Means/ EHEA	Del. Mosby (District 20)/ Sen. Pinsky ; Cosponsors Sens. Elfreth , Guzzone , Kelley , Lam , Nathan-Pulliam , Rosapepe , Smith , and Young (Clarence Lam District 12, Guy Guzzone District 13)	Yes	Providing some MD State funding for candidates running for MD General Assembly if they meet criteria (including agreement to accept only smaller donations)

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SB0535 - Local Public Campaign Financing - Boards of Education	EHEA	Sen. Lam Cosponsor Guzzone	Yes	Requiring some MD State funding for candidates running for the County Boards of Education if they meet criteria
HB0925 - Presidential Candidate Tax Transparency Act	Way and Means/ EHEA	Del. Ivey	Yes	Requiring candidates for President and Vice President to provide their federal tax returns no later than 65 days before a presidential general election
Elections				
HB0085/SB0313 - General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office	Way and Means/ EHEA	Dels. Moon , Parrott , Acevero , Char koudian , Ebersole , Hettleman , Hornberger , Kerr , Korman , Li erman , Palakovich Carr , and Stewart Sens. Lam , Kelley , and Young	Yes	Proposing a Maryland Constitution amendment requiring an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the General Assembly but hold a special election at the same time as a certain regular statewide election.
HB0252 - Eligible Detainees - Information on Voting Rights	Way and Means	Dels. Washington , Acevero , Barron , D. M. Davis , Fennell , W. Fisher , Ivey , Jackson , Moon , Mos by , Queen , and Wilkins		Requires a process and communication to increase awareness for right to vote via absentee ballot for those incarcerated while awaiting trial or for a misdemeanor conviction. In the House - Special Order until 03/12 (Delegate M. Fisher) Adopted
SB0343 – Prepaid Postage for Absentee Ballots	EHEA	Sen. Kagan	Yes	Third Reading Passed (28-28), headed for the House

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<p>HB0286 – Registration and Voting at Precinct Polling Places/ SB0449 – Election Day Voter Registration</p>	<p>Way and Means/ EHEA</p>	<p>Dels. Reznik, Bagnall, Brooks, Cardin, Charkoudian, Ebersole, Hettleman, Jones, R. Lewis, Lierman, Love, Luedtke, McIntosh, Moon, Palakovich Carr, Qi, Sample-Hughes, Solomon, Stewart, Terrasa, Valderrama, Smith, Guyton, Wilkins, Patterson, Kaiser, Washington, Mosby, Turner, Ivey, Feldmark, D. Barnes/ Sens. Pinsky, Augustine, Carter, Ellis, Feldman, Ferguson, Guzzone, Kagan, King, Klausmeier, Lam, Lee, Miller, Peters, Rosapepe, Smith, Waldstreicher, Washington, Young, and Zucker</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Enabling voter registration on Election Day (and not just at early voting). HB0286 passed the House and is at First Reading in the Senate In the Senate - SB0449 status is Laid Over (Senator Jennings) Adopted</p>
<p>HB0530/SB0489 - Voter Registration - Affiliating with a Party</p>	<p>Way and Means/ EHEA</p>	<p>Dels. Qi, Acevero, Barron, Barve, Chang, W. Fisher, Fraser-Hidalgo, Gilchrist, Guyton, Laferty, J. Lewis, R. Lewis, Lierman, Lopez, Luedtke, Moon, Palakovich Carr, Reznik, Shetty, Smith, Solomon, Valderrama, and Wilkins Sens. Kagan and Washington</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Allowing voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party to affiliate with a party during early voting.</p>

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SB0385 - Primary Elections - Voting by Unaffiliated Voters	EHEA	Sen. Zirkin	No	Includes requirement that a voter affiliated with a political party may vote only for the candidates of that political party in a primary election
HB0172 - Voter Registration Deadlines and Security of Voter Registration Information	Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)	Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental - State Board of Elections)	Yes	Extending time allowed for online voter registration and adding rules for protection of voter role information and reporting of security breaches In the House - Second Reading Passed with Amendments
Redistricting				
HB0043/SB0090 - Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment – Commission, Process	Executive Rules and Nominations/ EHEA	The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Adams , Anderton , Arentz , Buckel , Cassilly , Chisholm , Ciliberti , Clark , Corderman , Cox , Ghrist , Grammer , Hartman , Hornberger , Howard , Jacobs , Kipke , Kittleman , Krebs , Long , Malone , Mautz , McComas , McKay , Metzgar , Morgan , Otto , Parrott , Pippy , Reilly , Rose , Saab , Shoemaker , Szeliga , and Wivell / The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Bailey , Carozza , Cassilly , Eckardt , Edwards , Gallion , Hershey , Hough , Jennings , Ready , Reilly , Salling , Simonaire , and West	Yes	Our researchers say Support (See Redistricting information, Recommendations document, Defend Democracy Team page)

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HB0044/SB0091 - Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment	Executive Rules and Nominations/ EHEA	The Speaker (By Request - Administration) and Delegates Adams , Anderton , Arentz , Buckel , Cassilly , Chish olm , Ciliberti , Clark , Corderma n , Cox , Ghrist , Grammer , Hart man , Hornberger , Howard , Ja cobs , Kipke , Kittleman , Krebs , Long , Malone , Mautz , McCom as , McKay , Metzgar , Morgan , Otto , Parrott , Pippy , Reilly , Ro se , Saab , Shoemaker , Szeliga , and Wivell / The President (By Request - Administration) and Senators Bailey , Carozza , Cassilly , Eckardt , Edwards , Gal lion , Hershey , Hough , Jennings , Ready , Reilly , Salling , Simonaire , and West	No	Our researchers say Do Not Support (See Redistricting information, Recommendations document, Defend Democracy Team page)

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<p>HB0463 - Congressional Districts - Standards (Anti-Gerrymandering of Maryland's Congressional Districts)/ SB0110 - Congressional Districts - Standards</p>	<p>Executive Rules and Nominations/EHEA</p>	<p>Dels. Malone, Acevero, Adam s, Anderton, Arentz, Arikan, Bagnall, Beitzel, Boteler, Buckel, Cain, Cassilly, Chisholm, Ciliberti, Clark, Corderman, Cox, M. Fisher, Fraser-Hidalgo, Ghrist, Grammer, Hartman, Hettleman, Hornberger, Howard, Impallaria, Jacobs, Jalisi, Kelly, Kipke, Kittleman, Korman, Krebs, Lehman, Lierman, Long, Lopez, Love, Mangione, Mautz, McComas, McKay, Metzgar, Miller, Moon, Morgan, Otto, Parrott, Pena-Melnyk, Pippy, Qi, Queen, Reilly, Rose, Saab, Shetty, Shoemaker, Solomon, Stewart, Szeliga, Valentino-Smith, Wilkins, Wilson, and Wivell / Sen. Reilly</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Our researchers say Support (See Redistricting information, Recommendations document, Defend Democracy Team page)</p>
<p>HB1048 - Legislative Districts - Standards</p>	<p>Executive Rules and Nominations</p>	<p>Dels. Malone, Kipke, Saab, and Szeliga</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Our researchers say Do Not Support (See Redistricting information, Recommendations document, Defend Democracy Team page)</p>