



Jared DeMarinis
State Administrator

Katherine Berry
Deputy Administrator

Michael Summers, Chairman
Bill Voelp, Vice Chair
Janet Millenson
Yaakov "Jake" Weissmann

**Statement from Maryland State Board of Elections Administrator Jared DeMarinis on
the Signing of the Protecting Elections Officials Act of 2024 (SB480/HB585)
by Governor Wes Moore**

ANNAPOLIS (April 9, 2024) – Maryland State Board of Elections Administrator Jared DeMarinis released the following statement today following the signing of the Protecting Elections Officials Act of 2024 (SB480/HB585) by Governor Wes Moore.

“On behalf of all Election Officials, Board Members and Board Counsels of the State and Local Boards of Elections across the State of Maryland, I would like to thank Governor Wes Moore, Senate President Bill Ferguson and House Speaker Adrienne Jones for their leadership and support of the Protecting Elections Officials Act of 2024.”

“Election officials work tirelessly to ensure all eligible voters have the opportunity to vote and to preserve our Democracy. This legislation demonstrates Maryland’s commitment to ensuring the safety and security of election officials being able to perform their job duties without worrying about threats against their life or harassment. Election Officials, Election Judges, Board Counsels and all immediate family members are protected by this key legislation that becomes effective immediately.”

“Throughout our country, we have seen threats to our election officials continue to rise in an attempt to intimidate and undermine our Democracy, but this legislation will help ensure that we can recruit and retain election officials and election judges that uphold all laws and regulations that are safeguards to our electoral process.”

For more information on the Protecting Elections Officials Act of 2024 (SB480/HB585), [click here](#).

###