



## MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COALITION

Dedicated to the rights and quality of life for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland

### **HB 140/SB 56: Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement**

**Requires petitions and ballot questions be written in plain language - a reading level no higher than 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

#### **What are the benefits:**

- promotes inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities
- supports others that may not be able to read above a 6<sup>th</sup> grade level
- promotes a better understanding of what is being voting on

### **HB 142: Election Law - Voting Order Priority - Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance**

**Allows election judges to create a voting order priority so people with mobility disabilities, people providing assistance to a person with a mobility disabilities, and people with young children can go to the front of the line.** In addition, the bill:

- Allows someone to request a voting order priority
- Requires training guidelines be established for election judges
- Requires notice of the option to request voting order priority to voters before an election and at each polling place on election day