

AGENCY SUMMARY

Board of Elections

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Agency Links:

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Leadership

Wendy Honesty - Bey, Election Administrator

Core Services

- Assisting customers with voter registration.
- Voter awareness.
- Preparing for and conducting the Gubernatorial and Presidential elections.
- Canvassing of ballots.
- Certifying election results.

Organizational Structure

- Records Maintenance/Absentee Division, Elections Operations Division, Information Technology Division

FY 2025 Key Accomplishments

- Conducted two Special Elections for County Council At-Large and the County Executive (including a Council District seat).
- Conducted the 2024 Presidential General Election.
- Sustained essential Board of Elections functions by successfully filling critical positions.
- Secured a permanent location for canvassing and extended judge training.

FY 2025 Top Priorities

- Prepare for and conduct the 2024 Presidential General Election.
- Increase the percentage of Prince George's County residents registered to vote in all election cycles and increase voter awareness.
- Recruiting and training election judges.
- Planning for the implementation and rollout of the new electronic poll books and new election system.
- Continue efforts to reduce the number of duplicate voters registered in various states utilizing the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

BACKGROUND

The duties of the Board of Elections were originally assigned to the judges of elections, which in 1776 was the role of the sheriff. Later in 1799, the county courts were authorized to appoint judges of elections for each election district ([Chapter 50, Acts of 1799](#)). Afterwards, three judges of elections were annually appointed by the levy court judges for each election district ([Chapter 97, Acts of 1805](#)). By 1865, boards of county commissioners, which included the mayor and city council of Baltimore, assumed responsibility for appointing judges of election ([Chapter 174, Acts of 1865](#)).

In 1890, the County had the Board of Supervisors of Elections created to assume duties previously held by the judges of elections ([Chapter 538, Acts of 1890](#)). The board was appointed by the Governor and then renamed to the Board of Elections in 1999 ([Chapter 585, Acts of 1998](#)). Under the Maryland Code (MD Election Law Code § 2-202), the Board of Elections oversees the conduct of all elections held in the County to ensure that the election process is conducted in an open, convenient, and impartial manner.

The Board of Elections appoints the Election Director to manage operations and supervise staff. In Prince George's County, the Board consists of five members and three substitutes ([Code Election Law Article, sec. 2-201\(2\)\(i\)](#)). The Board is appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate consent ([Code Election Law Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-303](#)).

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Operating Budgetary Resources - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to the Board of Elections from FY 2021-25.

