

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

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**STATE OF MARYLAND, WICOMICO COUNTY**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

To vote, completely fill in the oval  to the left of your choice(s). Mark only with a #2 pencil. DO NOT ERASE. If you make a mistake you may request a new ballot. If your vote for a candidate or question is marked in such a manner that your intent is not clearly demonstrated, your vote for that office may not be counted. To protect the secrecy of your vote, do not put your name, initials, or any identifying mark on your official ballot.

To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the candidate on the designated write-in line under that office title and completely fill in the oval  to the left of the write-in candidate's name.

**PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
Vote for One**

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|---|-------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Barack Obama<br>Illinois<br>And<br>Joe Biden<br>Delaware            | Democratic  |
| <input type="radio"/> Mitt Romney<br>Massachusetts<br>And<br>Paul Ryan<br>Wisconsin       | Republican  |
| <input type="radio"/> Gary Johnson<br>New Mexico<br>And<br>James P. Gray<br>California    | Libertarian |
| <input type="radio"/> Jill Stein<br>Massachusetts<br>And<br>Cheri Honkala<br>Pennsylvania | Green       |
| <input type="radio"/> _____<br>Write-in   |             |

**U.S. SENATOR  
Vote for One**

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Ben Cardin          | Democratic   |
| <input type="radio"/> Daniel John Bongino | Republican   |
| <input type="radio"/> Dean Ahmad          | Libertarian  |
| <input type="radio"/> S. Rob Sobhani      | Unaffiliated |
| <input type="radio"/> _____<br>Write-in   |              |

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1  
Vote for One**

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Wendy Rosen       | Democratic  |
| <input type="radio"/> Andy Harris       | Republican  |
| <input type="radio"/> Muir Wayne Boda   | Libertarian |
| <input type="radio"/> _____<br>Write-in |             |

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 1  
Vote for One**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Leah J. Seaton    |  |
| <input type="radio"/> _____<br>Write-in |  |

**JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
AT LARGE  
Stuart R. Berger  
Vote Yes or No  
For Continuance in Office**

- |                           |
|---------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> YES |
| <input type="radio"/> NO  |

**BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL SIDES OF THIS BALLOT**

**QUESTION 1**

**Constitutional Amendment  
(Ch. 394 of the 2011 Legislative Session)  
Qualifications for Prince George's County  
Orphans' Court Judges**

(Amending Article IV, Section 40 of the Maryland Constitution)

Requires judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County to be admitted to practice law in this State and to be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

**QUESTION 2**

**Constitutional Amendment  
(Ch. 146 of the 2012 Legislative Session)  
Qualifications for Baltimore County Orphans'  
Court Judges**

(Amending Article IV, Section 40 of the Maryland Constitution)

Requires judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County to be admitted to practice law in this State and to be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

**QUESTION 3**

**Constitutional Amendment  
(Ch. 147 of the 2012 Legislative Session)  
Suspension and Removal of Elected Officials**

(Amending Article XV, Section 2 of the Maryland Constitution)

Changes the point at which an elected official charged with certain crimes is automatically suspended or removed from office. Under existing law, an elected official who is convicted or pleads no contest is suspended and is removed only when the conviction becomes final. Under the amended law, an elected official is suspended when found guilty and is removed when the conviction becomes final or when the elected official pleads guilty or no contest.

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

**QUESTION 4**

**Referendum Petition  
(Ch. 191 of the 2011 Legislative Session)  
Public Institutions of Higher Education -  
Tuition Rates**

Establishes that individuals, including undocumented immigrants, are eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at community colleges in Maryland, provided the student meets certain conditions relating to attendance and graduation from a Maryland high school, filing of income taxes, intent to apply for permanent residency, and registration with the selective service system (if required); makes such students eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at a four-year public college or university if the student has first completed 60 credit hours or graduated from a community college in Maryland; provides that students qualifying for in-state tuition rates by this method will not be counted as in-state students for purposes of counting undergraduate enrollment; and extends the time in which honorably discharged veterans may qualify for in-state tuition rates.

- For the Referred Law
- Against the Referred Law

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**QUESTION 5**  
**Referendum Petition**  
**(Ch. 1 of the 2011 Special Session)**  
**Congressional Districting Plan**

Establishes the boundaries for the State's eight United States Congressional Districts based on recent census figures, as required by the United States Constitution.

- For the Referred Law
- Against the Referred Law

**QUESTION 6**  
**Referendum Petition**  
**(Ch. 2 of the 2012 Legislative Session)**  
**Civil Marriage Protection Act**

Establishes that Maryland's civil marriage laws allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license, provided they are not otherwise prohibited from marrying; protects clergy from having to perform any particular marriage ceremony in violation of their religious beliefs; affirms that each religious faith has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine regarding who may marry within that faith; and provides that religious organizations and certain related entities are not required to provide goods, services, or benefits to an individual related to the celebration or promotion of marriage in violation of their religious beliefs.

- For the Referred Law
- Against the Referred Law

**QUESTION 7**  
**Gaming Expansion Referendum**  
**(Ch. 1 of the Second 2012 Special Session)**  
**Gaming Expansion**

Do you favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education to authorize video lottery operation licensees to operate "table games" as defined by law; to increase from 15,000 to 16,500 the maximum number of video lottery terminals that may be operated in the State; and to increase from 5 to 6 the maximum number of video lottery operation licenses that may be awarded in the State and allow a video lottery facility to operate in Prince George's County?

- For the Additional Forms and Expansion of Commercial Gaming
- Against the Additional Forms and Expansion of Commercial Gaming

**QUESTION A**  
**Charter Amendment**  
**Council Vacancies - Section 205**

To extend the time for filling a vacant position from 30 days to 45 days, if there are 3 or fewer vacancies; to certify that the list of nominees is submitted by the Local State Central Committee and that appointees shall be of same political party as the person whose position is being filled.

- For the Charter Amendment
- Against the Charter Amendment

**QUESTION B**  
**Charter Amendment**  
**Referendum and Petitions -**  
**Section 312 and 1002**

To amend the Charter to require referendum petitions and petitions for charter amendments to be signed by a number of registered voters in the County at least equal to 20% of the number of voters who voted in the previous presidential election or ten thousand registered voters, whichever is less.

- For the Charter Amendment
- Against the Charter Amendment

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**QUESTION C**  
**Charter Amendment**  
**Department of Law - Section 507**

To amend the Charter to provide that the County Attorney must have at least 5 years experience in the general practice of law in the State of Maryland immediately prior to appointment; to delete the residency requirement; to provide that the County Attorney may be removed from office by either: the Executive with the consent of a majority of the Council, or a two-thirds vote of the entire Council; and to provide that the County Attorney shall immediately forfeit office under specified circumstances.

- For the Charter Amendment
- Against the Charter Amendment

**QUESTION D**  
**Charter Amendment**  
**Public Hearings - Capital Program and Budget**

To require the County Executive to hold a public hearing on the Capital Program and on the Expense Budget; and to clarify that the Capital Program include any recommendation that an already authorized project be modified, postponed, or abandoned.

- For the Charter Amendment
- Against the Charter Amendment

**END OF BALLOT**