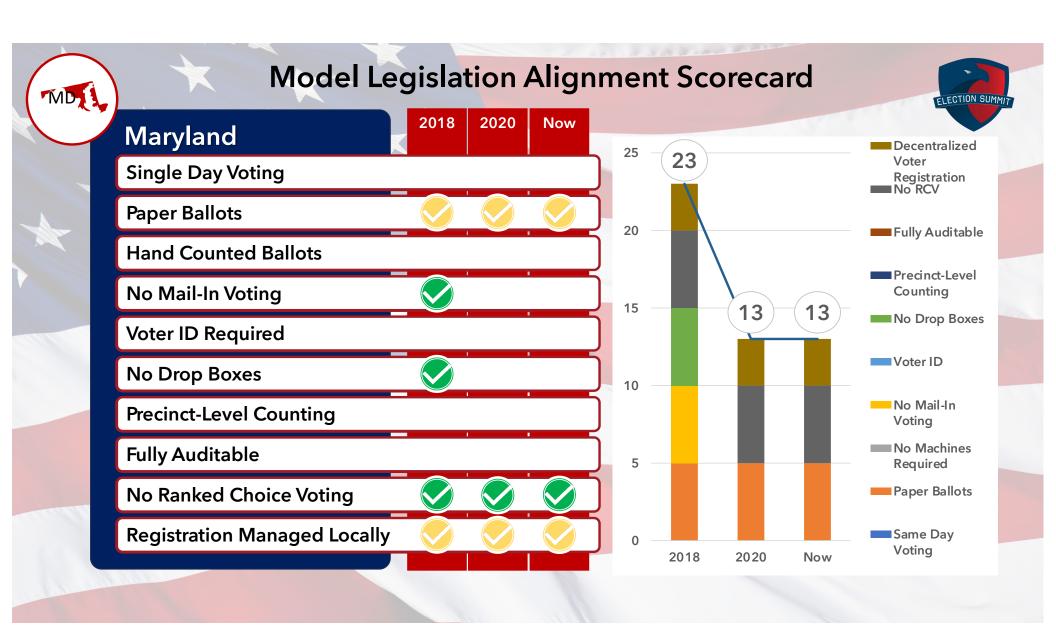


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Reason for Hope



Maryland

- RICO lawsuit in-process against the state and county boards of election and Attorney General
- 2023 statute change making easier to dismiss-replacement State BOE administrator
- Planning pro-active lawsuit(s) to enforce Federal election law–notably 1993 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and 2002 Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- 2/3 of counties have voter integrity organizations actively analyzing data and engaging with election establishment
- America First movement within Republican Party gaining strength with many county committees America First controlled
- Precinct projects functioning in several counties



Reason for Hope: Lawsuit Success



Maryland

- Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) suit against entities accepting Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) 2020 "Zuckerbucks" funding
 - Against MD State Board of Election (BoE), MD Attorney General, State Prosecutors Office
 - Against 21 county and Baltimore City BoEs that accepted funding
 - Against CTCL
 - CTCL spent approximately \$6.3M in the Maryland
 - Alleges money laundering from and into Maryland (FEC.gov data)
 - Focused on 32 people who made approximately 233,000 donations
 - Hundreds of people identified as suspected ballot mules in Howard County
- Dismissed in the 4th District Court in March, 2023
- Appealed and additional information filed July 31, 2023



Reason for Hope: Hand Count Success



Maryland

- Maryland has two basic forms of county government:
 - Commissioner and Charter
- Commissioners have limited powers subject to state legislative approval (12 counties)
- Charter provides more autonomy from Legislature (11 counties)
- Charter counties vary in their local authority
- MVIG currently researching charter counties and prospects for enacting hand counting procedures



Reason for Hope: Legislative Success



Maryland

MVIG Legislative Group tracked and lobbied 23 bills or bill groups (65% went our way)

Six bills passed:

- Require Board of Elections (BoE) to send absentee ballots to voters requesting them
- Campaign contributions must be in US dollars
- Local BoE must hold hearings & provide plan on polling place location change plans
- State BoE must publish municipal election results on website immediately after receipt
- Easier requirement to remove State BoE administrator
- Requires minimum election judge compensation and campaign to recruit judges



Reason for Hope: Legislative Success



Maryland

Nine bills defeated or delayed:

- Require BoE to accommodate voter affiliation change request immediately before early voting begins
- Altering terms of the Howard County Board of Education
- Implementing Ranked (Rigged) Choice Voting in Montgomery County
- Repealing requirement to conduct manual audit after close statewide, general elections
- Limiting Petitioner for Recount to certain recount method
- Conduct study on creation of electronic ballot system
- Altering & removing references requiring belief in God from certain provisions relating to religious freedom, tests, oaths & affirmations
- Voting Rights Regulation on Counties and Municipalities
- Modifying Ballot Petition Requirements

