

# HB145 • Maryland

## Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes

In Committee

Risk: High

Comprehensive

Last Action (Apr 10, 2026): Referred Rules

### Summary

MD HB145: Election Law - Election Misinformation, Election Disinformation, and Deepfakes requires the State Administrator to act on credible reports, with full details pending full text.

### Business Impact

If you disseminate information related to elections in Maryland, you must ensure it is accurate and not misleading to avoid penalties.

### Key Provisions

- Requires the State Administrator of Elections to take certain actions on credible reports of election misinformation, including public communication.
- Mandates communication of accurate information to the public.
- Prohibits the use of deepfakes to disseminate materially false information under certain circumstances, specifically 'knowingly or with reckless disregard'.
- The bill does not specify penalties for non-compliance, such as fines or criminal charges, in the available description, but the full text may include such details.

### Compliance Checklist

- Ensure all election-related communications are accurate and not misleading. | Who: Individuals and organizations involved in election communications. | Penalty: Potential legal consequences for disseminating false information.
- Report any credible instances of election misinformation to the State Administrator. | Who: Individuals and organizations aware of misinformation. | Penalty: Failure to report may lead to scrutiny or legal implications.

## Industries Affected

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Technology

Election Services

Government

Elections

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## Topics

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AI Deepfakes

AI in Political Advertising

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## Amendments

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- Favorable with Amendments 503523/1 Adopted — 2026-04-09 (Adopted)
- Floor Amendment 213325/1 (Delegate Arikan) Rejected (39-90) — 2026-04-09 (Not Adopted)

## Related Bills

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- SB141 (MD)
- HB 145 (MD)

## Official Source

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<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0145?ys=2026RS>

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