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Election Law - Influence on a Voter's Voting Decision By Use of Fraud - Prohibition

In Committee

Risk: Medium

Narrow/Targeted

Last Action (Apr 07, 2025): Third Reading Passed (39-8)

Summary

This bill prohibits using fraud, including synthetic media, to influence a voter's decision in Maryland elections.

Business Impact

If you use synthetic media in election-related activities in Maryland, you must ensure it does not mislead voters or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits using fraud to influence a voter's decision.
- Defines fraud to include the use of synthetic media.

Compliance Checklist

- Ensure all election-related communications are free from fraudulent influences. | Who: Individuals and organizations involved in election communications. | Penalty: Legal consequences for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Technology

Political Campaigns

Media

Topics

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Katie Hester	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-04-07	Third Reading Passed	129	10	Passed
2025-04-07	Third Reading Passed	39	8	Passed
2025-03-12	Third Reading Passed	42	5	Passed

Amendments

- Floor Amendment 413027/1 (Senator Ready) Rejected — 2025-03-12 (Not Adopted)
- Favorable with Amendments 883223/1 Adopted — 2025-04-03 (Adopted)
- Conference Committee Report 713229/1 Adopted — 2025-04-07 (Adopted)

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