

**SAMPLE BALLOT  
PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.**

**STATE OF MARYLAND, TALBOT 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"/> | <b>Barack Obama</b><br>Illinois<br>And<br><b>Joe Biden</b><br>Delaware                 | Democratic   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>John McCain</b><br>Arizona<br>And<br><b>Sarah Palin</b><br>Alaska                   | Republican   |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Cynthia McKinney</b><br>California<br>And<br><b>Rosa Clemente</b><br>North Carolina | Green        |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Bob Barr</b><br>Georgia<br>And<br><b>Wayne A. Root</b><br>Nevada                    | Libertarian  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Ralph Nader</b><br>Connecticut<br>And<br><b>Matt Gonzalez</b><br>California         | Independent  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Chuck Baldwin</b><br>Florida<br>And<br><b>Darrell L. Castle</b><br>Tennessee        | Constitution |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____  |              |

Write-in

**JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2  
Vote for One**

- Broughton "Bo" Earnest

Write-in

**JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS  
APPELLATE CIRCUIT 1  
Sally D. Adkins  
Vote Yes or No  
For Continuance in Office**

- YES  
 NO

**JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
AT LARGE  
Deborah Eyler  
Vote Yes or No  
For Continuance in Office**

- YES  
 NO

**JUDGE, COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS  
AT LARGE  
Robert A. Zarnoch  
Vote Yes or No  
For Continuance in Office**

- YES  
 NO

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

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Frank M. Kratovil, Jr.</b> | Democratic  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Andy Harris</b>            | Republican  |
| <input type="radio"/> | <b>Richard James Davis</b>    | Libertarian |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____                         |             |

Write-in

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 5  
Vote for One**

- Juanita Sue Hopkins

Write-in

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

**QUESTION 1**  
**Constitutional Amendment**  
**Early Voting; Polling Places; Absentee Ballots**

Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow qualified voters to vote at polling places inside or outside of their election districts or wards and to vote up to two weeks before an election. This amendment also authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to allow absentee voting by qualified voters who choose to vote by absentee ballot, in addition to voters who are absent at the time of the election or who are unable to vote personally.

(Amends Article I, §§1 and 3 of the Maryland Constitution)

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

**QUESTION 2**  
**Constitutional Amendment**  
**Authorizing Video Lottery Terminals (Slot Machines) to Fund Education**

Authorizes the State to issue up to five video lottery licenses for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education of children in public schools, prekindergarten through grade 12, public school construction and improvements, and construction of capital projects at community colleges and higher education institutions. No more than a total number of 15,000 video lottery terminals may be authorized in the State, and only one license may be issued for each specified location in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Worcester, and Allegany Counties, and Baltimore City. Any additional forms or expansion of commercial gaming in Maryland is prohibited, unless approved by a voter referendum.

(Enacts new Article XIX of the Maryland Constitution)

- For the Constitutional Amendment
- Against the Constitutional Amendment

**QUESTION A**  
**Charter Amendment**  
**Vacancies in the County Council**

The County Charter provides that within 30 days of a vacancy in the County Council the remaining Council members fill it by appointing a new Council member from a list of three names submitted by the Central Committee of the political party to which the former Council member belonged. The proposed Charter amendment eliminates the Council's power to make the appointment if the vacancy is not filled within 30 days. After that, the Governor of Maryland would make the appointment within the next 30 days. If the Governor fails to act the vacancy would be filled by special election. For vacancies occurring more than 60 days prior to the filing deadline for the primary election for President of the United States, any appointment to fill that vacancy would be effective only until the ensuing presidential election and a special election would be held to fill the balance of the term.

- For the Charter Amendment
- Against the Charter Amendment

**QUESTION B**  
**Charter Amendment**  
**County Council Salary Standard Commission**

The County Charter currently sets compensation for members of the County Council at \$14,400 per year, with the President of the Council receiving an additional \$1,000 per year. The proposed Charter amendment would authorize the County Council to enact an ordinance to establish a Salary Standard Commission composed of seven members appointed by the County Council in accordance with Article 25A, § 5 (AA), of State law. Under that State law approximately one year before the end of each Council's term of office, the Salary Commission would provide recommendations to the sitting Council to set compensation and allowances for the next Council. The Commission could recommend an increase or decrease in compensation for the next Council, but the recommendations could not be for less than the amounts set by the County Charter. The Council could reduce or reject the Commission's recommendations, but could not increase them. The Commission's recommendations would become effective for the next Council if the sitting Council enacted an ordinance to adopt them. This process would not affect the sitting Council's compensation, which would remain the same throughout their term of office.

- For the Charter Amendment
- Against the Charter Amendment

**END OF BALLOT**