



# Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

March 23, 2026

Michael Summers, Chairman, State Board of Elections

Dear Chairman Summers and Board Members,

The Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) is the professional membership organization representing local election officials and election boards across all 24 jurisdictions in the state. Our members are dedicated to ensuring the smooth and effective administration of elections, and we are deeply committed to making Maryland elections accessible, secure, and fair.

The MAEO Board would like to offer our support for the regulations that govern the Risk Limiting Audit (RLA), *COMAR 33.08.05.01* through *.09*. In addition, MAEO's State Regulations and Review Committee, composed of Election Directors, Deputy Directors, and other local election officials, met with various staff from the State Board of Elections (SBE) to review and provide revisions on these regulations.

These regulations are written so that the RLA, required by Election Law Article §11-309, can be executed by local election officials efficiently, transparently, and accurately between the local certification and the State certification of each primary and general election.

Since the end of January, 2026, local election officials from all 24 jurisdictions, including staff at SBE, participated in a "practice" RLA to familiarize election officials with this new required audit. This "practice" RLA was necessary to understand the purpose of RLAs, ensure that all stakeholders understand how to conduct the RLA, and are able to execute a successful RLA for the upcoming elections.

Finally, the RLA only replaces the manual audit that was required to be conducted after every general election. The Post-Election Comprehensive Audit and the Ballot Tabulation Audit will still occur after every primary and general election.

We would like to thank the State Board for accepting our support on these final regulations. On behalf of MAEO, we kindly ask that you consider the passage of these final regulations.

Sincerely,

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