



# MARYLAND 20-20 WATCH

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## Polling Place Evaluation Problems in Baltimore City

In accordance with Maryland election regulations, a selection of precincts are visited and evaluated on Election Day to determine whether the election judges are performing their duties appropriately. In this primary 72 precincts out of 302 were visited.

Maryland 20-20 Watch (MD20-20W) has analyzed the evaluations conducted by Board of Election personnel and found that numerous polling sites had basic problems with everything from a lack of appropriate sign instructions to having provisional ballots held in unsecured locations.

Besides the nine evaluations that show serious procedural problems, we have attached the remaining reports many of which have more minor problems.

MD20-20W calls on the State Board of Elections and Baltimore City Board of Elections Director Armistead Jones to:

1. explain whether the problems identified by the inspectors at the polling site were immediately rectified, and if so, what were the procedures to correct the problems; if not, why not; and
2. explain how these problems were addressed for post-election correction so that they would not happen in future elections.

There is little purpose in having an evaluation process if the findings of the reports are not used to take corrective action.