

Election Law Charging Language Supplement

Below are relevant CJIS Codes that may be used in the event a violation of the Election Law of Maryland is violated.

Voting Violations:

CJIS Code: 1-1501

EL 16-201

MISDEMEANOR

\$5,000 – 5 YEARS

INTIMIDATION/FALSE-VOTING OFFENSE

...did willfully and knowingly _____(choose from below).

1. [impersonate another person/use a false name][and did/in order to][vote/attempt to vote.]
2. vote more than once [for a candidate for the same office/for the same ballot question].
3. [vote more than once in the same election/attempt to vote more than once in the same election/vote in more than one election district/vote in more than one election precinct].
4. vote in an election [district/precinct] without the legal authority to vote in that election [district/precinct].
5. [influence/attempt to influence] a voter's voting decision through the use of [force/threat/menace/intimidation/bribery/reward/offer of reward].
6. [influence/attempt to influence] a voter's decision through the use of [force/fraud/threat/menace/intimidation/bribery/reward/offer of reward] [whether to go to the polls to cast a vote/vote by other lawful means to wit: _____].
7. engage in conduct [that results/has the intent to result] in the [denial/abridgement] of the right of a citizen of the United States to vote on account of [race/color/disability].

Note: "Influence" includes the use of pressure, deception, trickery, or direct or indirect authority to induce action or to change the decision or act of another, regardless of the medium used.

CJIS Code: 2 0374

EL 16-202

FELONY

PRELIMINARY HEARING

5 YEARS

VOTE BY DISQUALIFIED PERSON

... did having been convicted of a felony and actually serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment and having been rendered ineligible to vote pursuant to EL 3-102(b), [vote/attempt to vote] during the time they were rendered ineligible to vote.

Note: Mandatory minimum penalty of 1 year.

CJIS Code: 1-1482

EL 16-203

MISDEMEANOR

\$250.00 – 6 MONTHS

WILL DISOBEY ELECT OFFICIAL – POLL PLACE

... did willfully disobey the lawful command of an election official on election day, at _____(location), a polling place.

NOTE: Mandatory minimum penalty of \$10 - 30 days.

CJIS Code: 1-1483

EL 16-204

MISDEMEANOR

1 YEAR - \$1,000

DISTURB PEACE/THREATS VIOL - ELECT ACT

... did [hinder/impede] the conduct of official electoral activities by [breach of the peace/disorder/violence/threat of violence].

NOTE: Mandatory minimum penalty of \$50 - 30 days.

CJIS Code: 1-1484

EL 16-205

MISDEMEANOR

\$1,000 – 1 YEAR

INTERFERE W/ ELECT OFFICIAL/PERSON

... did interfere with an [election official in the performance of official duties/individual lawfully present at a polling place/individual lawfully present at the canvass of votes].

NOTE: Mandatory minimum penalty of \$50 – 3 months.

CJIS Code: 1-1485 (revised 6-1-2021)

EL 16-206

MISDEMEANOR

\$500 – 60 DAYS

ELECTION BALLOT VIOLATION

... did _____(choose from below)

(1) place a distinguishing mark on [own ballot/another person's ballot to wit: _____(name)] for the purpose of identifying the ballot.

(2) misrepresent [his/her] ability to [mark a ballot/operate voting equipment].

(3) [interfere/attempt to interfere] with a voter while the voter was [inside the polling room/mark a ballot/operating voting equipment].

(4) [induce/attempt to induce] a voter to mark the voter's ballot in a certain way.

(5) ,except for servicing by an authorized person, unlock a locked compartment of a voting device without being instructed to do so by the election director.

(6) [destroy/deface] a ballot.

(7) remove a ballot from a building in which voting occurs, without being otherwise provided for in the Election Law Article.

(8) delay the delivery of a ballot.

(9) possess [on/before] the day of election an official ballot printed for the election, without the possession of the ballot being necessary and appropriate for carrying out the election process.

(10) [canvass/electioneer/post] campaign material [in a polling place/beyond a line established by signs posted in accordance with EL 16-206(b)].

(11) [canvass/electioneer/post] campaign material in a manner that obstructs access to a ballot drop box.

(12) place [campaign material/unauthorized material] on a ballot drop box.

NOTE: Mandatory minimum penalty of \$50.

Voting Registration Violation:

2-0372

EL 16-101

MISDEMEANOR

\$1,000 – 5 YEARS

FALSE REGISTRATION

... did willfully and knowingly violate EL 16-101a [1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/9] by _____ (describe paragraph violated).

Voting Equipment/System Violations:

1-1532

EL 16-801

FELONY (District Court)

\$10,000 – 3 YEARS

DESTRUCTION-ELECTION EQUIP

...did willfully _____(choose from below).

1. [conceal/damage/destroy] voting equipment [used/intended to be used] on the day of the election.
2. remove voting equipment from the custody of the [election judges/an election official to wit: _____(describe)].

1-0783

EL 16-802

FELONY (District Court)

\$10,000 – 3 YEARS

DESTRUCTION-ELECTION EQUIPMENT

... did willfully and knowingly [tamper with/damage/attempt to damage/prevent the correct operation/attempt to prevent operation of/possess key for/make key of] voting equipment to be used in an election.

1-0784

EL 16-803

FELONY (District Court)

\$10,000 – 3 YEARS

DESTRUCTION-ELECTION EQUIPMENT

...did [remove/deface/destroy][equipment/supplies] in a polling place by election officials during an election.

1-0785

EL 16-804

FELONY (District Court)

\$50,000 –10 YEARS

TAMPERING ELECTION SYSTEM

... did _____ (choose from below).

1. access an electronic voting system without authorization from the appropriate election authority.
2. [tamper with/alter], the [hardware/system components/software] utilized by an electronic voting system for the purpose of affecting the vote count.

Other Election Violations - Threats of Harm to Election Officials or Their Immediate Family:

1-1804 (effective 4-9-2024)

EL 16-904(b)

MISDEMEANOR

\$2500-3 YEARS

****THREAT HARM-ELECTION OFFICIAL/FAM****

...did knowingly and willingly make a threat to harm _____(name), an [election official/immediate family member of _____(name), an election official] because of said election official's role in administering the election process.

Note: See EL 16-904(a) for important definitions.

1-1805 (effective 4-9-2024)

EL 16-904(c)

MISDEMEANOR

\$2500-3 YEARS

****SEND THREAT-ELECTION OFFICIAL/FAM****

...did knowingly [send/deliver/part with/make for the purpose of sending or delivering] a threat to harm _____(name), an [election official/immediate family member of _____(name), an election official] because of said election official's role in administering the election process.

Note: See EL 16-904(a) for important definitions.