

PETITION OF
BRETT SHEPHERD
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FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE
DECISION OF THE
MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF
ELECTIONS
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

IN THE CASE OF
Candidate Nomination Petition
of Brett Shepherd
House of Delegates, District 6

* IN THE
* CIRCUIT COURT
OF MARYLAND
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* FOR
* ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
* CIVIL ACTION
NO. _____
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PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Petitioner Brett Shepherd, self-represented, pursuant to Maryland Rule 7-202 and Maryland Code, Election Law Article §§ 6-209 and 6-210, petitions this Court for judicial review and states:

1. Petitioner is a candidate seeking placement on the November 3, 2026 Gubernatorial General Election ballot for the Maryland House of Delegates, Legislative District 6.
2. Petitioner timely filed a candidate nomination petition with the Maryland State Board of Elections ("SBE").
3. Petitioner was the candidate and petition sponsor directly affected by SBE's verification, counting, and deficiency determination and was a party to the agency proceeding within the meaning of Maryland Rule 7-202(c).
4. The agency action for which review is sought is SBE's Determination of Deficiency - Candidate Nomination Petition bearing the date August 7, 2026. A copy of that determination is filed contemporaneously as Exhibit A.
5. The determination reports 1,019 signatures processed, 789 valid signatures, 230 invalid signatures, and a requirement of 850 valid signatures.
6. Petitioner requests judicial review of the numerical sufficiency determination and of the verification and counting process and administrative record upon which that determination was based.
7. Because Maryland election law establishes an expedited timetable for review of petition determinations, Petitioner is contemporaneously filing an Emergency Motion

for Expedited Consideration, to Shorten Time for Transmittal of the Administrative Record, and for Other Appropriate Relief.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court accept this Petition for Judicial Review, direct prompt transmittal of the administrative record, hear and decide the matter on an expedited basis, and grant such relief as the Court determines appropriate under Maryland law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**EMERGENCY MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION, TO SHORTEN
TIME FOR TRANSMITTAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD, AND FOR
OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF**

Petitioner Brett Shepherd, self-represented, respectfully moves this Court for emergency and expedited consideration, for an Order shortening the time for transmittal of the administrative record pursuant to Maryland Rule 7-206(e), and for other appropriate relief necessary to permit meaningful judicial review of the Maryland State Board of Elections' determination concerning Petitioner's candidate nomination petition. In support of this Motion, Petitioner states:

I. BACKGROUND

1. Petitioner seeks placement on the November 3, 2026 Gubernatorial General Election ballot as a candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates, Legislative District 6.
2. Petitioner timely filed a candidate nomination petition with SBE.
3. SBE issued a document entitled "Determination of Deficiency - Candidate Nomination Petition" bearing the date August 7, 2026. See Ex. A.
4. The determination reports 1,019 signatures processed, 789 valid signatures, 230 invalid signatures, and a requirement of 850 valid signatures.
5. SBE therefore reported that Petitioner was 61 valid signatures short of the required total.
6. The determination states that it was made pursuant to Election Law Article § 6-208(a)(1).

7. The determination further states: "Accordingly, I do not make further determinations on the sufficiency of the petition and the adherence to applicable laws."
8. Petitioner seeks judicial review of the determination and of the verification and counting process upon which it was based.

II. THE DATE OF THE DETERMINATION AND TIMELINESS OF NOTICE REQUIRE IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION

9. Election Law Article § 6-210(b) requires the chief election official of the election authority to notify the sponsor within two business days after a determination of deficiency under § 6-208.
10. On August 6, 2026, Petitioner emailed SBE requesting an update regarding the ongoing verification and counting of his candidate nomination petition. See Ex. B.
11. On August 7, 2026, SBE Director of Voter Registration Crystal McGinn responded that the local board was working to process the petition and that she was unable to provide an estimated completion date. See Ex. B.
12. The Determination of Deficiency nevertheless bears the date August 7, 2026, the same date on which SBE informed Petitioner that the local board was still processing the petition and could not provide an estimated completion date. See Exs. A and B.
13. The presently available record therefore does not establish when the verification and counting process was actually completed, when the local board transmitted its verification results to the State Administrator, when the State Administrator received those results, or when the determination bearing the August 7 date was actually made.
14. If the deficiency determination was made on August 7, 2026, the second business day following that determination was Tuesday, August 11, 2026.
15. Petitioner did not receive the determination by August 11, 2026.
16. SBE first transmitted the Determination of Deficiency to Petitioner by email on August 13, 2026 at approximately 10:28 a.m. See Ex. C.
17. Accordingly, if the deficiency determination was made on August 7, SBE did not provide notice within the two-business-day period prescribed by § 6-210(b).
18. If the determination was actually made after August 7, the administrative record should identify the actual date of the determination and the dates on which verification and counting were completed and the verification results were transmitted to and received by the State Administrator.
19. Section 6-210(e) provides a very short period in which judicial review of a petition determination must be sought. Petitioner is filing within ten days of the date appearing on the Determination of Deficiency and does not rely on an extension of that deadline to establish timeliness.

20. The timing issue nevertheless materially affected Petitioner's ability to investigate the determination, obtain the verification record, identify disputed signatures, obtain legal assistance, and prepare a meaningful challenge before the statutory deadline.

III. SBE HAS NOT DISCLOSED WHETHER IT USED COMPLETE VERIFICATION OR RANDOM-SAMPLE VERIFICATION

21. SBE's determination does not state whether all 1,019 signatures were individually verified or whether the optional random-sample verification procedure authorized by Election Law Article § 6-207(c) was used.
22. Section 6-207(c) permits random-sample verification, with State Board approval, for a single-county petition containing more than 500 signatures and requires random selection and verification of 500 signatures or 5 percent of the petition, whichever number is greater.
23. Under § 6-207(c), the percentage of valid signatures in the random sample is applied to the total petition to establish the petition-wide number of valid signatures.
24. COMAR 33.06.05.03 requires a uniform statistical sampling method, an equal opportunity for every name to be selected, and State Board approval before random sampling is used.
25. Petitioner has not been informed whether random sampling was used.
26. If random sampling was used, Petitioner has not been provided the following materials:
- a. the State Board approval authorizing its use;
 - b. the statistical sampling method adopted and the method actually used;
 - c. identification of the petition entries selected for the sample;
 - d. the number of sampled entries accepted and rejected;
 - e. the verification result for each sampled entry;
 - f. the uniform verification or rejection code and basis applicable to each rejected sampled entry;
 - g. documentation showing that every petition entry had an equal opportunity to be selected; or
 - h. the mathematical calculation used to derive the reported petition-wide total of 789 valid signatures.
27. Petitioner therefore cannot presently determine whether the reported number 789 is a count of signatures individually determined valid or an estimated number produced by statistical extrapolation.

**IV. IF COMPLETE VERIFICATION WAS USED, MARYLAND REGULATIONS
REQUIRE SIGNATURE-LEVEL RESULTS TO BE RECORDED AND
REPORTED**

28. If random sampling was not used, COMAR 33.06.05.02(B) requires the election director to review all names and accompanying information on each signature page, determine which signers satisfy the petition criteria, and indicate next to each name the result of that determination using uniform verification codes specified by the State Board.
29. COMAR 33.06.05.04 requires the election director to record the verification results in the format specified by the State Board and, except in the case of a local petition, immediately notify the State Administrator of the results and promptly deliver the signature pages and written verification results to the State Administrator.
30. COMAR 33.06.05.05(B) provides that, when determining whether the validated names are sufficient, the State Administrator shall base that determination on the verification reports submitted by the election directors.
31. Accordingly, if complete verification was conducted, signature-level verification results, verification codes, signature pages, and verification reports should exist and should underlie the State Administrator's numerical determination.
32. SBE has reported 230 signatures as invalid, but Petitioner has not been provided the identity of the rejected petition entries, the uniform verification code assigned to each rejected entry, the basis corresponding to each rejection, the identity of the election director or local board that conducted the verification, or the verification reports submitted to the State Administrator.
33. Without that information, Petitioner cannot determine whether signatures were rejected under the correct legal standards or identify which disputed entries require judicial review.

**V. SBE EXPRESSLY DECLINED TO MAKE THE FURTHER
DETERMINATION ADDRESSED BY § 6-208(a)(2)**

34. Election Law Article § 6-208(a) provides that, at the conclusion of the verification and counting processes, the chief election official shall determine whether the validated signatures satisfy the legal requirements concerning number and geographic distribution and, if not previously done, determine whether the petition has satisfied all other requirements established by law and immediately notify the sponsor of that determination, including any specific deficiencies found.
35. SBE's Determination of Deficiency expressly states that, after finding the validated-signature count insufficient, the State Administrator did not make further determinations concerning the sufficiency of the petition and adherence to applicable laws. See Ex. A.
36. The language of SBE's own determination therefore raises an additional issue concerning whether SBE completed the determination addressed by § 6-208(a)(2).

37. Petitioner does not contend that the phrase "including any specific deficiencies found" standing alone necessarily requires SBE to provide a separate narrative explanation for every individual rejected signature.
38. Rather, Petitioner relies on § 6-208(a)(2), together with the signature-level verification and reporting requirements imposed by COMAR 33.06.05.02, 33.06.05.04, and 33.06.05.05(B), as additional grounds for prompt transmittal and review of the complete record underlying SBE's decision.

VI. PETITIONER PROMPTLY SOUGHT THE REJECTION INFORMATION AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE

39. At approximately 10:28 a.m. on August 13, 2026, SBE emailed Petitioner the Determination of Deficiency. See Ex. C.
40. At approximately 10:53 a.m., Petitioner replied to SBE asking how to obtain a list of the rejected signatures and the reasons they were rejected. See Ex. C.
41. At approximately 10:54 a.m., Petitioner received an automated response directing requests for assistance to SBE's voter-registration email address. See Ex. C.
42. At approximately 11:02 a.m., Petitioner separately sent a written request to a Baltimore County government email address asking for the names on his petition that were invalidated and the reasons for invalidation, and noting that he had received the notice that day although it bore an August 7 date. See Ex. D.
43. At approximately 11:37 a.m., Petitioner forwarded his request to the SBE voter-registration address identified in the automated response. See Ex. C.
44. As of the filing of this Motion, Petitioner has not received the verification method, signature-level rejection information, or verification reports necessary to evaluate the reported totals of 789 valid and 230 invalid signatures.

VII. EMERGENCY TRANSMITTAL OF THE RECORD AND UNDERLYING VERIFICATION MATERIALS IS NECESSARY

45. Maryland Rule 7-206 requires the administrative agency to transmit the record of the administrative proceeding to the Circuit Court.
46. Maryland Rule 7-206(e) authorizes the Court, upon motion by the agency or any party, to shorten the time for transmittal of the record.
47. Application of the ordinary administrative-record timetable would be incompatible with the expedited statutory deadlines governing this election matter.
48. Election Law Article §§ 6-209 and 6-210 require covered judicial proceedings concerning petition determinations to be heard and decided as expeditiously as the circumstances require.
49. In *Roskelly v. Lamone*, 396 Md. 27 (2006), the Supreme Court of Maryland explained that a person aggrieved by the State Administrator's determination as to petition sufficiency or the number of signatures may seek judicial review, and the

Court applied the statutory ten-day review deadline to the determination at issue there.

50. In *Nader for President 2004 v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, 399 Md. 681 (2007), the Supreme Court of Maryland reviewed SBE's invalidation of petition signatures and held that signatures had been improperly invalidated under the rule at issue in that case.
51. Petitioner needs 61 additional valid signatures to satisfy the reported requirement of 850, while SBE reports 230 signatures as invalid.
52. The disposition of only a portion of the reported invalid signatures may therefore determine whether Petitioner qualifies for placement on the ballot.
53. Petitioner cannot meaningfully identify and present signature-specific or sampling challenges without the verification reports and materials that underlie SBE's numerical determination.
54. Further delay risks depriving Petitioner of effective judicial review before ballot-preparation deadlines make meaningful relief more difficult.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant this Motion on an emergency and expedited basis;
- B. Pursuant to Maryland Rule 7-206(e), shorten the time for transmittal of the administrative record and direct SBE to transmit the complete record to the Clerk within 24 hours of the Court's Order, or within such other expedited period as the Court determines appropriate;
- C. Direct SBE to simultaneously provide Petitioner with a copy of the transmitted record, subject to lawful redaction of restricted information not necessary to this proceeding, while preserving unredacted materials for review by the Court if necessary;
- D. Direct that the administrative record identify whether Petitioner's nomination petition was verified through complete verification of the petition entries or through optional random-sample verification under Election Law Article § 6-207(c);
- E. If complete verification was used, direct that the administrative record include, to the extent maintained, received, or relied upon in making the determination: identification of each petition entry determined invalid; the uniform verification or rejection code assigned to each entry; records sufficient to identify the basis corresponding to each rejection; copies or electronic images of petition signature pages showing verification markings; verification worksheets, reports, spreadsheets, summaries, and calculations; all written verification results submitted to the State Administrator; records identifying the election director or local board that conducted the verification; and the verification reports upon which the State Administrator based the numerical determination;

- F.** If random-sample verification was used, direct that the administrative record include, to the extent maintained, received, or relied upon in making the determination: the State Board approval authorizing random sampling; the statistical sampling method adopted and used; identification of the petition entries selected; the verification result for each sampled entry; the uniform verification or rejection code and basis for each rejected sampled entry; records demonstrating that every petition entry had an equal opportunity for selection; the total number of sampled signatures accepted and rejected; all reports generated from the sampling process; and the complete calculation used to derive the reported petition-wide total of 789 valid signatures;
- G.** Direct SBE to transmit, supplement the record with, or otherwise file records sufficient to establish: (1) when the local board completed verification and counting; (2) when the local board transmitted its verification results to the State Administrator; (3) when the State Administrator received those results; (4) when the Determination of Deficiency bearing the date August 7, 2026 was drafted, generated, signed, finalized, or otherwise made; (5) when and by what method SBE first transmitted or attempted to transmit notice of that determination to Petitioner; and (6) SBE's receipt, handling, and response to Petitioner's August 6 status inquiry and SBE's August 7 response;
- H.** Direct that the record include, or that SBE otherwise file, any records concerning the statement in the Determination of Deficiency that SBE would not make further determinations regarding the sufficiency of the petition and adherence to applicable laws;
- I.** Require SBE to preserve all original petition pages, scanned images, verification records, verification codes, database results, sampling information, spreadsheets, reports, audit information, communications, and other materials relating to Petitioner's nomination petition until final disposition of this proceeding;
- J.** Permit Petitioner to supplement his judicial-review filing promptly after receipt of the administrative record to identify specific disputed signatures, improper verification determinations, sampling deficiencies, calculation errors, statutory or regulatory issues, or other grounds for relief;
- K.** Set an expedited hearing at the earliest practicable date;
- L.** Pending final adjudication, direct SBE to preserve its ability to place Petitioner's name on the November 3, 2026 Gubernatorial General Election ballot if this Court determines that Petitioner's nomination petition satisfies Maryland law; and
- M.** Grant such other and further relief as this Court considers appropriate to protect Petitioner's right to meaningful judicial review and to ensure the integrity of the electoral process.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Brett Shepherd
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on AUGUST 14, 2026, I served a copy of the foregoing Emergency Motion for Expedited Consideration, to Shorten Time for Transmittal of the Administrative Record, and for Other Appropriate Relief upon the Maryland State Board of Elections by First-Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDER

Upon consideration of Petitioner Brett Shepherd's Emergency Motion for Expedited Consideration, to Shorten Time for Transmittal of the Administrative Record, and for Other Appropriate Relief, the Petition for Judicial Review, and the exhibits filed in this matter, it is this ____ day of August, 2026, by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that Petitioner's Emergency Motion is GRANTED; and it is further

ORDERED, pursuant to Maryland Rule 7-206(e), that the Maryland State Board of Elections ("SBE") shall transmit to the Clerk the complete administrative record underlying the Determination of Deficiency - Candidate Nomination Petition bearing the date August 7, 2026 within 24 hours after entry of this Order, or by _____, whichever the Court directs; and it is further

ORDERED, that SBE shall, at the time the administrative record is transmitted to the Clerk, provide Petitioner with an electronic or paper copy of the transmitted record, subject to lawful redaction of restricted information not necessary to this proceeding, while preserving unredacted materials for review by the Court if necessary; and it is further

ORDERED, that the administrative record shall identify whether Petitioner's 1,019 processed petition signatures were reviewed through complete verification or through optional random-sample verification under Election Law Article § 6-207(c); and it is further

ORDERED, that if complete verification was used, the administrative record shall include, to the extent maintained, received, or relied upon in making the determination: (1) identification of each petition entry determined invalid; (2) the uniform verification or rejection code assigned to each such entry; (3) records sufficient to identify the basis for each rejection; (4) copies or electronic images of petition signature pages showing verification markings; (5) verification worksheets, reports, spreadsheets, summaries, and calculations; (6) written verification results and reports submitted to the State Administrator; (7) records identifying the election director or local board that conducted the verification; and (8) the verification reports and other nonprivileged records relied upon in reaching the reported totals of 789 valid and 230 invalid signatures; and it is further

ORDERED, that if optional random-sample verification was used, the administrative record shall include, to the extent maintained, received, or relied upon in making the determination: (1) the State Board approval authorizing random sampling; (2) the statistical sampling method adopted and used; (3) identification of the petition entries selected for the sample; (4) the verification result for each sampled entry; (5) the uniform verification or rejection code and basis for each rejected sampled entry; (6) records demonstrating the method by which petition entries were afforded an equal opportunity for selection; (7) the total number of sampled signatures accepted and rejected; (8) all reports generated from the sampling process; and (9) the complete calculation used to derive the reported petition-wide total of 789 valid signatures; and it is further

ORDERED, that SBE shall transmit, supplement the record with, or otherwise file records sufficient to establish: (1) when the local board completed verification and counting; (2) when the local board transmitted its verification results to the State Administrator; (3) when the State Administrator received those results; (4) when the Determination of Deficiency bearing the date August 7, 2026 was drafted, generated, signed, finalized, or otherwise made; (5) when and by what method SBE first transmitted or attempted to transmit notice of that determination to Petitioner; and (6) SBE's receipt, handling, and response to Petitioner's August 6, 2026 status inquiry and SBE's August 7, 2026 response; and it is further

ORDERED, that the administrative record shall include, or SBE shall otherwise file, any records concerning the statement in the Determination of Deficiency that SBE would not make further determinations regarding the sufficiency of the petition and adherence to applicable laws; and it is further

ORDERED, that SBE shall preserve all original petition pages, scanned images, verification records, verification codes, database results, sampling records, spreadsheets, reports, audit information, communications, and other materials relating to Petitioner's candidate nomination petition until final disposition of this proceeding; and it is further

ORDERED, that Petitioner may file a supplemental memorandum identifying specific disputed signatures, verification errors, sampling deficiencies, calculation errors, statutory or regulatory issues, or other grounds for relief within _____ hours after Petitioner's receipt of the administrative record; and it is further

ORDERED, that SBE shall file any response to Petitioner's supplemental memorandum within _____ hours after service of the supplemental memorandum, unless otherwise ordered by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED, that an expedited hearing on the Petition for Judicial Review shall be held on _____, 2026, at _____ .m., or at such other time as the Court directs; and it is further

ORDERED, that pending final disposition of this matter, SBE shall preserve its ability to place Petitioner's name on the November 3, 2026 Gubernatorial General Election ballot for Maryland House of Delegates, Legislative District 6, should the Court determine that Petitioner's nomination petition satisfies Maryland law; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Court reserves ruling on all other requested relief.

JUDGE

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Submitted by:

/s/ Brett Shepherd

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/s/ Brett Shepherd
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 State Administrator

Katherine Berry
 Deputy Administrator

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 Chair

Jim Shalleck, Vice Chair
Diane Butler
Eric Bryant

Determination of Deficiency
 Candidate Nomination Petition

August 7, 2026

Brett Shepherd - House of Delegates, Legislative District 6

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

You filed a petition with the State Board of Elections in order to qualify as a candidate for House of Delegates in the Legislative District 6 in the 2026 Gubernatorial General Election. Pursuant to the Election Law § 6-208(a)(1), I have determined that your petition contains insufficient valid signatures to satisfy the requirements imposed by law. The amount of verified signatures does not satisfy the requirement for the number of signatures needed to support your nomination to the general election..

Number of Signatures Processed: 1,019

Number of Valid Signatures: 789

Number of Invalid Signatures: 230

Total Required Signatures: 850

Accordingly, I declare the petition insufficient pursuant to Election Law §6-208(a)(1). Accordingly, I do not make further determinations on the sufficiency of the petition and the adherence to applicable laws.

Sincerely,

Jared DeMarinis

Jared DeMarinis
 State Administrator



Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>

Determination of Sufficiency Letter

3 messages

Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcgin@maryland.gov>
To: "shepfor6@gmail.com" <shepfor6@gmail.com>
Cc: Samuel Heller -SBE- <samuel.heller@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jul 31, 2026 at 3:48 PM

Hi Mr. Shepherd,

Please see the attached letter.

Best,
Crystal



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Director of Voter Registration

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Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>
To: Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcgin@maryland.gov>
Cc: Samuel Heller -SBE- <samuel.heller@maryland.gov>

Thu, Aug 6, 2026 at 3:35 PM

Hello,

I apologize if this comes across as pushy, but do you expect the review to require the full 20 days?

Several people have encouraged me to follow up, mostly Democrats and Republicans who are unfamiliar with the independent candidate petition process. I'm mainly checking so I can give them an accurate update.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Brett "Shep" Shepherd
Independent Candidate
Maryland House of Delegates, District 6

443-594-1175
ShepFor6.com |

By Authority: Friends of Brett Shepherd, Riley Davis, Treasurer

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Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcgin@maryland.gov>
To: Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>
Cc: Samuel Heller -SBE- <samuel.heller@maryland.gov>

Fri, Aug 7, 2026 at 12:12 PM

Hi Brett,

The local board is working hard to process the petition, I'm unable to provide an estimated completion.

Best,
Crystal

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3 messages

Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcginn@maryland.gov>
To: Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 10:28 AM

Good morning,

I am forwarding the attached letter regarding your petition on behalf of the State Administrator, Jared DeMarinis.

Best,
Crystal McGinn

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Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>
To: Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcginn@maryland.gov>

Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 10:53 AM

How do I obtain a list of the rejected signatures and why they were rejected?

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Out of the office Re: Petition

1 message

Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcginn@maryland.gov>
To: shepfor6@gmail.com

Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 10:54 AM

I am out of the office today. If you need assistance please email
dlVoterRegistration_SBE@maryland.gov.

-Crystal

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Best,
Crystal

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Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>

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Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>
To: dIVoterRegistration_SBE@maryland.gov

Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 11:37 AM

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By Authority: Friends of Brett Shepherd, Riley Davis, Treasurer

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brett Shepherd** <shepfor6@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 10:53 AM
Subject: Re: Petition
To: Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcginin@maryland.gov>

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On Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 10:29 AM Crystal McGinn <crystal.mcginin@maryland.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I am forwarding the attached letter regarding your petition on behalf of the State Administrator, Jared DeMarinis.

Best,
Crystal McGinn



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Brett Shepherd Petition

1 message

Brett Shepherd <shepfor6@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 13, 2026 at 11:02 AM

To: "Ruie Marie Lavoie (C)" <rlavoie@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Hello,

I am asking for a list of the names on my petition that were invalidated and the reasons why they were invalidated.

I just received the notice today, although it was dated 8/7/26.

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City/County

CIVIL – NON-DOMESTIC CASE INFORMATION REPORT**DIRECTIONS**

Plaintiff: This Information Report must be completed and attached to the complaint filed with the Clerk of Court unless your case is exempted from the requirement by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland pursuant to Rule 2-111(a).

Defendant: You must file an Information Report as required by Rule 2-323(h).

THIS INFORMATION REPORT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS A PLEADING

FORM FILED BY: ☒ PLAINTIFF ☐ DEFENDANT

CASE NUMBER _____

(Clerk to insert)

CASE NAME: Brett Shepherd

vs. Maryland State Board of Elections

Plaintiff

Defendant

PARTY'S NAME: Brett Shepherd

PHONE: 410-878-2939

PARTY'S ADDRESS: 1539 Merritt Blvd #PMB 163, Dundalk, Md 21222

PARTY'S E-MAIL: shepfor6@gmail.com

If represented by an attorney:

PARTY'S ATTORNEY'S NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

PARTY'S ATTORNEY'S ADDRESS: _____

PARTY'S ATTORNEY'S E-MAIL: _____

JURY DEMAND? ☐ Yes ☒ No

RELATED CASE PENDING? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, Case #(s), if known: _____

ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF TRIAL?: _____ hours $\frac{1}{2}$ _____ days

PLEADING TYPE

New Case: ☐ Original ☒ Administrative Appeal ☐ Appeal

Existing Case: ☐ Post-Judgment ☐ Amendment

If filing in an existing case, skip Case Category/Subcategory section – go to Relief section.

IF NEW CASE: CASE CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY (Check one box.)

TORTS

- ☐ Asbestos
- ☐ Assault and Battery
- ☐ Business and Commercial
- ☐ Child Victims Act
- ☐ Conspiracy
- ☐ Conversion
- ☐ Defamation
- ☐ False Arrest/Imprisonment
- ☐ Fraud
- ☐ Lead Paint – DOB of Youngest Plt: _____
- ☐ Loss of Consortium
- ☐ Malicious Prosecution
- ☐ Malpractice-Medical
- ☐ Malpractice-Professional
- ☐ Misrepresentation
- ☐ Motor Tort
- ☐ Negligence
- ☐ Nuisance
- ☐ Premises Liability
- ☐ Product Liability
- ☐ Specific Performance
- ☐ Toxic Tort
- ☐ Trespass
- ☐ Wrongful Death

CONTRACT

- ☐ Asbestos
- ☐ Breach
- ☐ Business and Commercial
- ☐ Confessed Judgment (Cont'd)
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Debt

- ☐ Fraud
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Product Liability
- ☐ Adverse Possession
- ☐ Breach of Lease
- ☐ Detinue
- ☐ Distress/Distrain
- ☐ Ejectment
- ☐ Forcible Entry/Detainer
- ☐ Foreclosure

- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Residential
- ☐ Currency or Vehicle
- ☐ Deed of Trust
- ☐ Land Installments
- ☐ Lien
- ☐ Mortgage
- ☐ Right of Redemption
- ☐ Statement Condo

- ☐ Forfeiture of Property/Personal Item
- ☐ Fraudulent Conveyance

- ☐ Landlord-Tenant
- ☐ Lis Pendens
- ☐ Mechanic's Lien
- ☐ Ownership
- ☐ Partition/Sale in Lieu
- ☐ Quiet Title
- ☐ Rent Escrow
- ☐ Return of Seized Property
- ☐ Right of Redemption
- ☐ Tenant Holding Over

PUBLIC LAW

- ☐ Attorney Grievance
- ☐ Bond Forfeiture Remission
- ☐ Civil Rights
- ☐ County/Mncpl Code/Ord
- ☒ Election Law
- ☐ Eminent Domain/Condemn.
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Error Coram Nobis
- ☐ Habeas Corpus
- ☐ Mandamus
- ☐ Prisoner Rights
- ☐ Public Info. Act Records
- ☐ Quarantine/Isolation
- ☐ Writ of Certiorari

EMPLOYMENT

- ☐ ADA
- ☐ Conspiracy
- ☐ EEO/HR
- ☐ FLSA
- ☐ FMLA
- ☐ Worker's Compensation
- ☐ Wrongful Termination

INDEPENDENT PROCEEDINGS

- ☐ Assumption of Jurisdiction
- ☐ Authorized Sale
- ☐ Attorney Appointment
- ☐ Body Attachment Issuance
- ☐ Commission Issuance

- ☐ Constructive Trust
- ☐ Contempt
- ☐ Deposition Notice
- ☐ Dist Ct Mtn Appeal
- ☐ Financial
- ☐ Grand Jury/Petit Jury
- ☐ Miscellaneous
- ☐ Perpetuate
- ☐ Testimony/Evidence
- ☐ Prod. of Documents Req.
- ☐ Receivership
- ☐ Sentence Transfer
- ☐ Set Aside Deed
- ☐ Special Adm. – Atty
- ☐ Subpoena Issue/Quash
- ☐ Trust Established
- ☐ Trustee Substitution/Removal
- ☐ Witness Appearance-Compel

PEACE ORDER

- ☐ Peace Order

EQUITY

- ☐ Declaratory Judgment
- ☐ Equitable Relief
- ☐ Injunctive Relief
- ☐ Mandamus

OTHER

- ☐ Accounting
- ☐ Friendly Suit
- ☐ Grantor in Possession
- ☐ Maryland Insurance Administration
- ☐ Miscellaneous
- ☐ Specific Transaction
- ☐ Structured Settlements

IF NEW OR EXISTING CASE: RELIEF (Check All that Apply)

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| ☐ Abatement | ☐ Earnings Withholding | ☐ Judgment-Default | ☐ Reinstatement of Employment |
| ☒ Administrative Action | ☐ Enrollment | ☐ Judgment-Interest | ☐ Return of Property |
| ☐ Appointment of Receiver | ☐ Expungement | ☐ Judgment-Summary | ☐ Sale of Property |
| ☐ Arbitration | ☐ Financial Exploitation | ☐ Liability | ☐ Specific Performance |
| ☐ Asset Determination | ☐ Findings of Fact | ☐ Oral Examination | ☐ Writ-Error Coram Nobis |
| ☐ Attachment b/f Judgment | ☐ Foreclosure | ☒ Order | ☐ Writ-Execution |
| ☐ Cease & Desist Order | ☒ Injunction | ☐ Ownership of Property | ☐ Writ-Garnish Property |
| ☐ Condemn Bldg | ☐ Judgment-Affidavit | ☐ Partition of Property | ☐ Writ-Garnish Wages |
| ☐ Contempt | ☐ Judgment-Attorney Fees | ☐ Peace Order | ☐ Writ-Habeas Corpus |
| ☐ Court Costs/Fees | ☐ Judgment-Confessed | ☐ Possession | ☐ Writ-Mandamus |
| ☐ Damages-Compensatory | ☐ Judgment-Consent | ☒ Production of Records | ☐ Writ-Possession |
| ☐ Damages-Punitive | ☐ Judgment-Declaratory | ☐ Quarantine/Isolation Order | |

If you indicated **Liability** above, mark one of the following. This information is not an admission and may not be used for any purpose other than Track Assignment.

- ☐ Liability is conceded. ☐ Liability is not conceded, but is not seriously in dispute. ☐ Liability is seriously in dispute.

MONETARY DAMAGES (Do not include Attorney's Fees, Interest, or Court Costs)

- ☐ Under \$10,000
 ☐ \$10,000 - \$30,000
 ☐ \$30,000 - \$100,000
 ☐ Over \$100,000
☐ Medical Bills \$ _____
 ☐ Wage Loss \$ _____
 ☐ Property Damages \$ _____

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION INFORMATION

Is this case appropriate for referral to an ADR process under Md. Rule 17-101? (Check all that apply)

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|----------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| A. Mediation | ☐ Yes ☒ No | C. Settlement Conference | ☐ Yes ☒ No |
| B. Arbitration | ☐ Yes ☒ No | D. Neutral Evaluation | ☐ Yes ☒ No |

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ If a Spoken Language Interpreter is needed, **check here and attach form CC-DC-041**
- ☒ If you require an accommodation for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, **check here and attach form CC-DC-049**

ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TRIAL

*With the exception of Baltimore County and Baltimore City, please fill in the estimated **LENGTH OF TRIAL**.*

(Case will be tracked accordingly)

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| ☒ 1/2 day of trial or less | ☐ 3 days of trial time |
| ☐ 1 day of trial time | ☐ More than 3 days of trial time |
| ☐ 2 days of trial time | |

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

For all jurisdictions, if Business and Technology track designation under Md. Rule 16-308 is requested, attach a duplicate copy of complaint and check one of the tracks below.

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| ☐ Expedited - Trial within 7 months of Defendant's response | ☐ Standard - Trial within 18 months of Defendant's response |
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EMERGENCY RELIEF REQUESTED

**COMPLEX SCIENCE AND/OR TECHNOLOGICAL CASE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (ASTAR)**

*FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO ASTAR RESOURCES JUDGES under
Md. Rule 16-302, attach a duplicate copy of complaint and check whether assignment to an ASTAR is requested.*

☐ **Expedited** - Trial within 7 months of
Defendant's response

☐ **Standard** - Trial within 18 months of
Defendant's response

**IF YOU ARE FILING YOUR COMPLAINT IN BALTIMORE CITY OR BALTIMORE COUNTY,
PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW.**

CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY (CHECK ONLY ONE)

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| ☐ Expedited | Trial 60 to 120 days from notice. Non-jury matters. |
| ☐ Civil-Short | Trial 210 days from first answer. |
| ☐ Civil-Standard | Trial 360 days from first answer. |
| ☐ Custom | Scheduling order entered by individual judge. |
| ☐ Asbestos | Special scheduling order. |
| ☐ Lead Paint | Fill in: Birth Date of youngest plaintiff _____. |
| ☐ Tax Sale Foreclosures | Special scheduling order. |
| ☐ Mortgage Foreclosures | No scheduling order. |

CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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| ☐ Expedited
(Trial Date-90 days) | Attachment Before Judgment, Declaratory Judgment (Simple),
Administrative Appeals, District Court Appeals and Jury Trial Prayers,
Guardianship, Injunction, Mandamus. |
| ☐ Standard
(Trial Date-240 days) | Condemnation, Confessed Judgments (Vacated), Contract, Employment Related
Cases, Fraud and Misrepresentation, International Tort, Motor Tort, Other
Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation Cases. |
| ☐ Extended Standard
(Trial Date-345 days) | Asbestos, Lender Liability, Professional Malpractice, Serious Motor Tort or
Personal Injury Cases (medical expenses and wage loss of \$100,000, expert and
out-of-state witnesses (parties), and trial of five or more days), State Insolvency. |
| ☐ Complex
(Trial Date-450 days) | Class Actions, Designated Toxic Tort, Major Construction Contracts, Major
Product Liabilities, Other Complex Cases. |

AUGUST 14, 2026

Date

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