

Introduced by: Councilmember Smith

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 2017-15
OPPOSING SB 842 (HB 1354) VOTER REGISTRATION INTEGRITY ACT**

WHEREAS, SB 842 (HB 1354) would require a jury commissioner to provide information within five days to the State Elections Administrator regarding individuals who were summoned as prospective jurors and indicated that they are not citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the legislation would require the State Administrator to direct that the individual's name be removed from the statewide voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, the State Administrator would be required to turn the names supplied by a jury commissioner over to the United States Attorney for prosecution under Federal Law for fraudulently registering to vote; and

WHEREAS, there is already a process for the sharing of information between jury commissioners and the State Elections Administrator regarding individuals who are deceased, who have moved out of the jurisdiction, or who indicate that they are not citizens of the United States yet are included on the statewide voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, the process in place provides for notification by the County Boards of Elections to such individuals so they have an opportunity to correct or dispute the information shared by the jury commissioner, thus ensuring that eligible voters are not erroneously removed from the registration list but that individuals who should not be registered are removed; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of a list to turn over to the United States Attorney for prosecution is not necessary since the corrections can be made through the existing administrative process without involving the criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND opposes SB 842 (HB 1354) and similar legislation that unnecessarily singles out non-citizens for prosecution.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2017.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk