



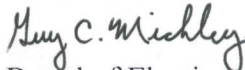
# Howard County

## Internal Memorandum

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**SUBJECT:** FY 2023 Board of Elections SAO - Testimony and Fiscal Impact Statement

**TO:** Brandee Ganz  
Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Guy Mickley   
Howard County Board of Elections Director

**DATE:** April 27, 2023

### Summary

The Board of Elections is requesting a SAO to cover a shortfall in current year funds available to cover personnel costs and other election related expenses.

### Background

The following actions were taken after the adoption of the Fiscal 2023 Board of Elections budget which led to a significant increase in expenses resulting in the need for the proposed SAO.

- On November 1, 2022, the Governor gave a raise to all State employees, which consisted of a 4.5% COLA and a step increment.
- The primary election date was postponed from June 14, 2022, to July 19, 2022. This resulted in primary election expenses budgeted in Fiscal 2022 to be incurred and paid in Fiscal 2023.

### Fiscal Impact

The \$773,000 shortfall in the Board of Elections budget is proposed to be covered with use of the Fiscal 2023 General Fund contingency.

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