

SENATE BILL 438

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By: **Senator Mathias**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Elections – Inclusion of Offices and Questions on the State Ballot**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a municipality to request that the State Board of
4 Elections include certain offices and questions on a certain ballot; requiring the
5 State Board, under certain circumstances, to include certain offices and
6 questions at the end of a ballot and arrange them in a certain order; defining
7 certain terms; and generally relating to the inclusion of offices and questions for
8 a municipal election on a ballot prepared by the State Board of Elections.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Local Government
11 Section 4–108.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2013 Volume)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Local Government**

17 **4–108.1.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
19 MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) “BALLOT” MEANS A BALLOT PREPARED BY THE STATE BOARD
21 OF ELECTIONS UNDER TITLE 9 OF THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

22 (3) “STATE BOARD” MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A MUNICIPALITY MAY REQUEST THAT THE STATE BOARD INCLUDE**
2 **ON A BALLOT THE OFFICES AND QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED ON IN A MUNICIPAL**
3 **ELECTION.**

4 **(C) IF A MUNICIPALITY MAKES A REQUEST UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF**
5 **THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL:**

6 **(1) INCLUDE THE OFFICES AND QUESTIONS AT THE END OF THE**
7 **BALLOT; AND**

8 **(2) ARRANGE THE OFFICES AND QUESTIONS IN A SIMILAR ORDER**
9 **AS OTHER OFFICES AND QUESTIONS ARE ARRANGED ON THE BALLOT.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 July 1, 2014.