

SENATE BILL 760

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By: **Senator Madaleno**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipalities – Municipal Elections – Regulations Governing Write-In**
3 **Candidates**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain municipalities to adopt regulations governing
5 deadlines for the filing of declarations of candidacy and ethics forms by write-in
6 candidates in municipal elections; prohibiting regulations adopted under a certain
7 provision of law from setting deadlines that are less than a certain number of days
8 before a municipal election; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
9 relating to write-in candidates in municipal elections.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Local Government
12 Section 4–108.4
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Local Government**

18 **4–108.4.**

19 **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IF A MUNICIPAL**
20 **CHARTER ALLOWS FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE**
21 **MUNICIPALITY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING DEADLINES FOR THE**
22 **FILING OF DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY AND ETHICS FORMS BY WRITE-IN**
23 **CANDIDATES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
2 **MAY NOT SET DEADLINES THAT ARE LESS THAN 7 DAYS BEFORE A MUNICIPAL**
3 **ELECTION.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 January 1, 2017.