

Chapter 280

(House Bill 852)

AN ACT concerning

Local Government – Municipal Elections – Tie Votes

FOR the purpose of requiring a municipality to ~~establish a procedure for resolving a tie vote in an election for a municipal officer; providing that a certain election procedure may be established by ordinance or charter amendment~~ *fill a vacancy that resulted from a tie vote in an election for a municipal office within a certain number of days after the date of the election*; and generally relating to tie votes in municipal elections.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

4–108.4.

~~(A) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR RESOLVING A TIE VOTE IN AN ELECTION FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICER~~ *FILL A VACANCY THAT RESULTED FROM A TIE VOTE IN AN ELECTION FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.*

~~(B) THE PROCEDURE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE OR CHARTER AMENDMENT.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.