

HOUSE BILL 269

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By: **Delegates Moon and Wilkins**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2023

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Elections – Voter Eligibility – Prohibitions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a municipality from authorizing a property owner who is
4 not a resident of the municipality to vote in a municipal election; prohibiting a
5 municipality from authorizing a person who is not an individual to vote in a
6 municipal election; and generally relating to voter eligibility in municipal elections.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Local Government
9 Section 4–107.1 and 4–107.2
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Local Government**

15 **4–107.1.**

16 **A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A PROPERTY OWNER TO VOTE IN A**
17 **MUNICIPAL ELECTION IF THE PROPERTY OWNER IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THE**
18 **MUNICIPALITY.**

19 **4–107.2.**

20 **A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL**
21 **TO VOTE IN A MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2023.