



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 21, 2024

Committee: Senate Education, Energy and the Environment

Bill: SB 660 - Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2024 – Counties and Municipalities

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) respectfully opposes Senate Bill 660, which establishes many new requirements for voting qualifications which are both unduly burdensome and redundant.

The State has largely authorized municipal governments to operate their elections in a manner that allows for changes to be made to fit the wants and needs of each individual community. As a result, municipalities have different eligibility requirements, election dates, and processes. Establishing the new requirements proposed in this bill would be financially and logistically challenging, especially to smaller towns, with little value added; the federal Voting Rights Act already ensures that residents cannot be excluded from voting based on race.

Our towns and cities already work hard to make sure all residents can vote safely and effectively, at great cost to their own budgets. For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide Senate Bill 660 with an unfavorable report.

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