



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

# TESTIMONY

February 20, 2024

**Committee:** House Ways & Means

**Bill:** HB 800 - Maryland Voting Rights Act of 2024 – Counties and Municipalities

**Position:** Oppose

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) respectfully opposes House Bill 800, 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 House Bill 800 with an unfavorable report.

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