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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Elections - Election Dates - County Offices or Baltimore City Municipal**  
3                                   **Offices**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date of primary elections in Baltimore City; requiring  
5     that any county, including Baltimore City, hold general elections for county  
6     offices or Baltimore City municipal offices on certain dates; providing for the  
7     terms of office for certain municipal officers; providing for a delayed effective  
8     date; and generally relating to election dates for county offices or Baltimore City  
9     municipal offices.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11     Article - Election Law  
12     Section 8-201 and 8-301  
13     Annotated Code of Maryland  
14     (2003 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

17                                   **Article - Election Law**

18 8-201.

19     (a)     (1)     There shall be a statewide primary election in every even-numbered  
20 year.

21                   (2)     A primary election shall be held:

22                           (i)     in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the second  
23 Tuesday after the first Monday in September; and

24                           (ii)    in the year in which the President of the United States is  
25 elected, on the first Tuesday in March.

1 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices on  
2 the second Tuesday following the first Monday in September in the year [following  
3 the election of] the Governor IS ELECTED.

4 8-301.

5 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide general election in each even-numbered  
6 year.

7 (2) A statewide general election shall be held on the Tuesday following  
8 the first Monday in November.

9 (b) [In Baltimore City, there shall be a general election for municipal offices  
10 on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in the year following the  
11 election of the Governor] IN ANY COUNTY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, THERE  
12 SHALL BE A GENERAL ELECTION FOR COUNTY OFFICES AND BALTIMORE CITY  
13 MUNICIPAL OFFICES ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN  
14 NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the term of office for  
16 municipal officers elected in Baltimore City in the general election in November 2004  
17 is 2 years. Beginning in November 2006, the term of office for municipal officers  
18 elected in Baltimore City in the general election is 4 years.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 January 1, 2005.