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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date of the primary elections in Baltimore City;
5 requiring that any county, including Baltimore City, hold general elections for
6 county offices or Baltimore City municipal offices on certain dates; providing for
7 the 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 2005 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 2008
17 is 2 years. Beginning in November 2010, 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, 2007.