

SENATE BILL 708

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By: **Senators McFadden, Gladden, Jones, and Miller**
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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – County Offices or Baltimore City Municipal Offices – Election**
3 **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 2006 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
20 even-numbered year.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) A primary election shall be held:

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

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

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

9 8-301.

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the term of office for
21 municipal officers elected in Baltimore City in the general election in November 2007
22 is 3 years. Beginning in November 2010, the term of office for municipal officers
23 elected in Baltimore City in the general election is 4 years.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 January 1, 2008.