HOUSE BILL 852

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By: **Delegates Lisanti, Fennell, and Tarlau**
Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2016
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Local Government – Municipal Elections – Tie Votes**

3   FOR the purpose of requiring a municipality to establish a procedure for resolving a tie
4   vote in an election for a municipal officer; providing that a certain election procedure
5   may be established by ordinance or charter amendment; and generally relating to tie
6   votes in municipal elections.

7   BY adding to
8   Article – Local Government
9   Section 4–108.4
10   Annotated Code of Maryland
11   (2013 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Local Government

15 **4–108.4.**

16   **(A)   A MUNICIPALITY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR RESOLVING A**
17 **TIE VOTE IN AN ELECTION FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICER.**

18   **(B)   THE PROCEDURE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
19 **MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE OR CHARTER AMENDMENT.**

20   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2016.

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.