

# SENATE BILL 89

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By: **Senator Peters**

Requested: October 30, 2020

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipalities – Vacancies in Elected Offices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each municipality to establish procedures requiring a vacancy  
4 in an elected municipal office to be filled through a regular or special election held  
5 within a certain time; and generally relating to municipalities and vacancies in  
6 elected municipal offices.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Local Government

9 Section 4–108.5

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Local Government**

15 **4–108.5.**

16 **EACH MUNICIPALITY SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES THAT REQUIRE A**  
17 **VACANCY IN AN ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO BE FILLED BY HOLDING A REGULAR**  
18 **OR SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE VACANCY OCCURS.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2021.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

