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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 862
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “– **Multiple Ballots Cast by an Individual**” and substitute “**and Municipal Absentee Voting**”; in line 4, after “election;” insert “requiring that, to the extent practicable, the procedures adopted by a municipality to implement absentee voting be the same as the procedures used for absentee voting under certain provisions of law;”; strike beginning with “canvassing” in line 5 down through “election” in line 6 and substitute “ballot canvassing and municipal absentee voting”; and before line 12, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Local Government

Section 4–108

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2013 Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, before line 20, insert:

“Article – Local Government

4–108.

(a) A qualified voter may vote in a municipal election by absentee ballot.

(b) (1) Subject to [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, a municipality shall provide a procedure to vote by absentee ballot.

(2) A municipality may not require an individual to provide a reason that the individual will be unable to vote in person on election day in order to vote by absentee ballot.

(3) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY A MUNICIPALITY TO IMPLEMENT ABSENTEE VOTING SHALL BE THE SAME AS THE PROCEDURES USED FOR ABSENTEE VOTING UNDER THE ELECTION LAW ARTICLE.

(c) A municipality may use any method to enable absentee voters to vote, including using any facilities to transmit and receive applications for absentee ballots.”.