

HOUSE BILL 509

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CF SB 287

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Elections – Municipal Elections – Publication of Results on**
3 **Website**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections ~~to maintain a portal on its~~
5 ~~website through which municipalities submit election results; requiring the State~~
6 ~~Board~~ to publish municipal election results on its website; and generally relating to
7 the publication of municipal election results by the State Board of Elections.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Local Government

10 Section 4–108.5

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 **4–108.5.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "STATE BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF
2 ELECTIONS.

3 (B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

4 ~~(1) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC PORTAL ON THE~~
5 ~~STATE BOARD'S WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH MUNICIPALITIES SUBMIT ELECTION~~
6 ~~RESULTS; AND~~

7 ~~(2),~~ IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MUNICIPALITY SUBMITS ITS ELECTION
8 RESULTS, PUBLISH THE ELECTION RESULTS ON THE STATE BOARD'S WEBSITE.

9 (2) THE ELECTION RESULTS PUBLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
10 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ORGANIZED BY ELECTION YEAR AND THE NAME OF THE
11 MUNICIPALITY.

12 (C) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE RESULTS OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS
13 ~~HELD~~ ARE CERTIFIED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AN
14 ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR EACH OFFICE OR QUESTION
15 VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION, INCLUDING:

16 (1) VOTE TOTALS FOR EACH OFFICE OR QUESTION REPORTED
17 SEPARATELY BY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING VOTING METHODS, IF APPLICABLE:

18 (I) IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING;

19 (II) MAIL-IN VOTING OR VOTE-BY-MAIL;

20 (III) PROVISIONAL VOTING; AND

21 (IV) IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING; AND

22 (2) IF THE MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTS PARTISAN ELECTIONS, THE
23 PARTY AFFILIATION OF EACH CANDIDATE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2023.