

HOUSE BILL 1024

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections in Villages of Columbia – Voting Rights**

3 **Ho. Co. 17–23**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that in certain elections conducted by a village community
5 association for a village of Columbia each owner of a residential lot is entitled to one
6 vote; requiring that, if a village community association for a village of Columbia
7 allows lessees to vote in certain elections conducted by the village community
8 association, each holder of a residential leasehold is entitled to one vote; and
9 generally relating to voting rights in elections in the villages of Columbia.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Real Property

12 Section 11B–106.3

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Real Property**

18 **11B–106.3.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION” MEANS A
20 VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR A VILLAGE OF COLUMBIA IN HOWARD
21 COUNTY.

22 (B) IN AN ELECTION FOR THE VILLAGE BOARD OR COLUMBIA COUNCIL
23 CONDUCTED BY A VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) IF A RESIDENTIAL LOT WITHIN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY**
2 **ASSOCIATION IS OWNED BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON, EACH OWNER OF THE LOT IS**
3 **ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE IN THE ELECTION; AND**

4 **(2) IF THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ALLOWS LESSEES TO**
5 **VOTE IN THE ELECTION, AND A RESIDENTIAL LEASEHOLD WITHIN THE VILLAGE**
6 **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS HELD BY MORE THAN ONE LESSEE, EACH HOLDER OF**
7 **THE LEASEHOLD IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE IN THE ELECTION.**

8 **(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF A VILLAGE**
9 **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO ALLOW PERSONS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION FOR THE**
10 **VILLAGE BOARD OR THE COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONS WHOM**
11 **THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MUST ALLOW TO VOTE UNDER SUBSECTION**
12 **(B) OF THIS SECTION.**

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