

SB0088/443226/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 88  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator Kagan**” and substitute “**Senators Kagan, Augustine, Brooks, and Carozza**”; in line 2, strike “**State Administrator of Elections –**”; in the same line, after “**Municipal Elections**” insert “**– Authority of State Administrator of Elections and Use of State Ballots**”; in line 6, after “elections;” insert “altering the deadline for municipalities to request that the State Board of Elections include on a ballot offices and questions to be voted on in a municipal election and the certification that must be included in the request;”; and after line 17, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Local Government  
Section 4-108.3(a) and (b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Local Government  
Section 4-108.3(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“**Article – Local Government**

4–108.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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(2) “Ballot” means a ballot prepared by the State Board of Elections under Title 9 of the Election Law Article.

(3) “State Board” means the State Board of Elections.

(b) A municipality may request that the State Board include on a ballot the offices and questions to be voted on in a municipal election.

(c) (1) A municipality that makes a request under this section shall:

(i) file the request with the State Board on or before the day that is [18] 9 months before the deadline date applicable for individuals who are required to file a certificate of candidacy as required under § 5–303 of the Election Law Article; and

(ii) certify as part of the request that the charter of the municipality requires, and the municipality has established, deadlines and procedures for the administration of municipal elections for the municipality that are consistent with the deadlines and procedures for State and county elections established by the State Board with regard to:

1. the filing of certificates of candidacy;
2. the filling of a vacancy in office;
3. the filing of a petition; [and]
4. the certification of a ballot question;
- 5. VOTER REGISTRATION; AND**
- 6. VOTING.**

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if the State Board previously included a municipal election on the ballot, that municipality’s elections may continue to appear on the ballot without the municipality filing an additional request under this section.

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(ii) A municipality shall file a request under this section if, since the municipality's election last appeared on the ballot, there has been a significant change in the method the municipality uses to conduct its elections.

(3) Within 30 days after receipt of a municipality's request under this section, the State Board, after consultation with the local board in the county where the municipality is located, shall notify the municipality of its decision whether to include the municipal election on the ballot."