

SENATE BILL 645

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By: **Senator Kagan**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Gubernatorial Primary Election – Date**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date for the statewide primary election in the year of the
4 gubernatorial election; and generally relating to the date for primary elections.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Election Law
7 Section 8–201
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Election Law**

13 8–201.

14 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every even–numbered
15 year.

16 (2) A primary election shall be held:

17 (i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the [last]
18 **FOURTH** Tuesday in June; and

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 (ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is elected,
2 on the fourth Tuesday in April.

3 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices on
4 the fourth Tuesday in April in the year in which the President of the United States is
5 elected.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.