

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2025 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 645 (Senator Kagan)

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Ways and Means

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**Election Law - Gubernatorial Primary Election - Date**

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This bill alters the date of the statewide primary election in the year in which the Governor is elected so that it is held on the fourth Tuesday in June, instead of the last Tuesday in June.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to materially affect local government finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In the year in which the Governor is elected, the statewide primary election must be held on the last Tuesday in June.

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**Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 945 (Delegate Wilkins) - Ways and Means.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Board of Elections; Maryland Association of Election Officials; Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - February 14, 2025  
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