HOUSE BILL 357

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By: **Delegate Palakovich Carr**
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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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CHAPTER _____

1   AN ACT concerning

2   **Municipalities – Election Dates – Reporting Requirements**

3   FOR the purpose of ~~requiring each municipality to report municipal election dates to the~~
4   ~~State Board of Elections;~~ requiring the State Board~~, each local board of elections,~~ of
5   Elections and certain municipalities to display certain information relating to
6   municipal elections on their websites; requiring each municipality to include the date
7   of the next regular municipal election and each office to be voted on at the election
8   in a certain report submitted to the State Board; and generally relating to the
9   reporting of election dates by municipalities.

10   BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11   Article – Local Government
12   Section 4–108.5
13   Annotated Code of Maryland
14   (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

17   **Article – Local Government**

18   4–108.5.

19   (a)   In this section, "State Board" means the State Board of Elections.

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   ~~(B)~~   ~~(1)~~   ~~NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE EACH REGULAR MUNICIPAL~~
2 ~~ELECTION, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD THE DATE OF~~
3 ~~THE ELECTION.~~

4   ~~(2)~~   ~~WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL~~
5 ~~ELECTION IS SCHEDULED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD~~
6 ~~THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.~~

7   ~~(C)~~ (B)   (1)   THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY ON THE
8 STATE BOARD'S WEBSITE:

9   (I)   A LIST OF ALL UPCOMING REGULAR ~~AND SPECIAL~~
10 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION
11 THAT INCLUDES:

12   1.   THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY;

13   2.   THE ELECTION DATE; AND

14   3.   ~~WHETHER THE ELECTION IS A REGULAR OR SPECIAL~~
15 ~~MUNICIPAL ELECTION~~ EACH OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON; AND

16   (II)   A LIST INDICATING WHICH MUNICIPALITIES HAVE NOT YET
17 REPORTED UPCOMING REGULAR ~~AND SPECIAL~~ MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS UNDER
18 SUBSECTION ~~(B)~~ (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

19   ~~(2)~~   ~~EACH LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL PROMINENTLY~~
20 ~~DISPLAY ON THE LOCAL BOARD'S WEBSITE A LIST OF ALL UPCOMING REGULAR AND~~
21 ~~SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTY REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTION~~
22 ~~(B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:~~

23   ~~(I)~~   ~~THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY;~~

24   ~~(II)~~   ~~THE ELECTION DATE; AND~~

25   ~~(III)~~   ~~WHETHER THE ELECTION IS A REGULAR OR SPECIAL~~
26 ~~MUNICIPAL ELECTION.~~

27   ~~(3)~~   EACH MUNICIPALITY THAT MAINTAINS A WEBSITE SHALL
28 PROMINENTLY DISPLAY ON THE MUNICIPALITY'S WEBSITE A LIST OF ALL UPCOMING
29 REGULAR AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING:

30   (I)   THE ELECTION DATE; ~~AND~~

1   **(II)**   **WHETHER THE ELECTION IS A REGULAR OR SPECIAL**
2 **MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND**

3   **(III)**   **EACH OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON.**

4   **[**(b)**]** ~~**(D)**~~ **(C)**   (1)   The State Board shall, immediately after a municipality
5 submits its election results, publish the election results on the State Board's website.

6   (2)   The election results published under paragraph (1) of this subsection
7 shall be organized by election year and the name of the municipality.

8   **[**(c)**]** ~~**(E)**~~ **(D)**   Within 30 days after the results of a municipal election are
9 certified, the municipality shall submit to the State Board**:**

10   **(1)**   an electronic copy of the election results for each office or question voted
11 on at the election, including:

12   ~~(1)~~   **(I)**   vote totals for each office or question reported separately by each
13 of the following voting methods, if applicable:

14   ~~(i)~~   **1.**   in–person early voting;

15   ~~(ii)~~   **2.**   mail–in voting or vote–by–mail;

16   ~~(iii)~~   **3.**   provisional voting; and

17   ~~(iv)~~   **4.**   in–person election day voting; and

18   ~~(2)~~   **(II)**   if the municipality conducts partisan elections, the party
19 affiliation of each candidate**; AND**

20   **(2)**   **(I)**   **THE DATE OF THE NEXT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION;**
21 **AND**

22   **(II)**   **EACH OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT REGULAR**
23 **MUNICIPAL ELECTION**.

24   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2026.