

# 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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## A BILL ENTITLED

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, and  
5 certain municipalities to display certain information relating to municipal elections  
6 on their websites; and generally relating to the reporting of election dates by  
7 municipalities.

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

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

15 **Article – Local Government**

16 4–108.5.

17 (a) In this section, “State Board” means the State Board of Elections.

18 **(B) (1) NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE EACH REGULAR MUNICIPAL**  
19 **ELECTION, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD THE DATE OF**  
20 **THE ELECTION.**

21 **(2) WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL**  
22 **ELECTION IS SCHEDULED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD**  
23 **THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**(C) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROMINENTLY DISPLAY ON THE STATE BOARD'S WEBSITE:**

**(I) A LIST OF ALL UPCOMING REGULAR AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS REPORTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION THAT INCLUDES:**

**1. THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY;**

**2. THE ELECTION DATE; AND**

**3. WHETHER THE ELECTION IS A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND**

**(II) A LIST INDICATING WHICH MUNICIPALITIES HAVE NOT YET REPORTED UPCOMING REGULAR AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

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

**(I) THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY;**

**(II) THE ELECTION DATE; AND**

**(III) WHETHER THE ELECTION IS A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

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

**(I) THE ELECTION DATE; AND**

**(II) WHETHER THE ELECTION IS A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

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

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

3           **[(c)] (E)**     Within 30 days after the results of a municipal election are certified,  
4 the municipality shall submit to the State Board an electronic copy of the election results  
5 for each office or question voted on at the election, including:

6           (1)     vote totals for each office or question reported separately by each of the  
7 following voting methods, if applicable:

8                   (i)     in-person early voting;

9                   (ii)    mail-in voting or vote-by-mail;

10                  (iii)   provisional voting; and

11                  (iv)   in-person election day voting; and

12           (2)     if the municipality conducts partisan elections, the party affiliation of  
13 each candidate.

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