



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Bill: HB 1226 Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 1226, which provides a streamlined process for municipal incorporation in certain circumstances.

Municipal incorporation understandably requires several significant procedural steps before incorporation can occur. This bill fast-tracks that process by requiring the county legislature to approve the inclusion of incorporation via referendum when 40% of the area's residents sign an incorporation petition. Registered voters would still have to vote for incorporation via referendum; this simply removes one small step in the process. This is a reasonable and balanced approach which enables Maryland residents to have a say in their manner of representation.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 1175 and respectfully requests an unfavorable committee report.

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