

Maryland Municipal League The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

## ΤΕSΤΙΜΟΝΥ

## February 8, 2022

**Committee:** House Environment and Transportation Committee

**Bill:** HB 381 – Municipalities – Charter Amendments – Notices

**Position:** Support

**Reason for Position:** 

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 381 which provides an alternative public notice procedure for municipalities to inform their residents of a charter amendment.

Incorporated municipalities throughout the state expend thousands of dollars each year on newspaper advertisements to post legal notices pertaining to a charter amendment, an annexation, a new or amended comprehensive master plan, a new or amended zoning regulation, and revenue changes relating to constant yield tax rates.

HB 381 would give a financial reprieve to many jurisdictions when they go through the charter amendment process and would reach more residents than just those with a newspaper subscription.

The Maryland Municipal League therefore respectfully requests the Committee provide HB 381 with a favorable report.

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