



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 14, 2023

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill: HB 509 – State Board of Elections – Municipal Elections – Publication of Results on Websites

Position: Support with Amendment

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 509 with one technical amendment. As introduced, the bill would require municipalities to share election results with the State Board of Elections to host on their website within 30 days after the election is held. The League has no concerns with making this information more available to Marylanders, but we do believe it would be more appropriate to clarify they be submitted within 30 days after the election is certified to fully count all ballot types and process any potential recounts.

Therefore, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 509 with a favorable report with the following amendment:

(C) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE RESULTS OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION ARE CERTIFIED IS HELD, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS FOR EACH OFFICE OR QUESTION VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION, INCLUDING:

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