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**SB88: Municipal Elections - Emergency Bill**

Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee  
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Maryland's 157 cities and towns conduct elections throughout the year. Dates, methods, and frequency are as varied as our municipalities.

The prior SBE Administrator engaged with the municipalities without the legal authority to do so. Our current Administrator prefers to act in compliance with State law.

[SB88](#) would authorize the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipalities, allowing for State support in municipal elections when possible.

Because it could apply to elections early in 2025, this is an emergency bill.

The amendment-- drafted in collaboration with SBE and the Maryland Municipal League-- would move the deadline for municipalities to request inclusion on the State ballot from 18 months to 9 months, allowing for additions in the 2026 Election.

**I urge a favorable report on SB88.**