



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

# TESTIMONY

February 4, 2025

**Committee:** House Ways and Means Committee

**Bill:** HB 322 – Election Law - State Administrator of Elections - Municipal Elections

**Position:** Support

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 322, which will allow the State Board of Elections (SBE) to continue supporting municipal elections via MOUs.

SBE and Local Boards of Elections (LBEs) have been working with municipal governments for decades to provide support for municipal elections where it makes sense. This arrangement was threatened in the fall of 2024 when SBE was unable to identify any legislatively derived authority to support municipal elections and ordered LBEs to discontinue any support as well.

HB 322 fixes this by simply allowing SBE to enter into an MOU with municipal governments.

**This is emergency legislation.** As you may know, municipal elections are happening around the year, and there are dozens coming up this spring. We need this legislation ASAP to ensure there are no disruptions to our local elections.

For these reasons the League respectfully requests that this committee quickly provide House Bill 322 with a favorable report. For more information, please contact Justin Fiore, Deputy Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at [justinf@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:justinf@mdmunicipal.org). Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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