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SB88: Municipal Elections - Emergency Bill

House Ways & Means 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.

As amended and passed by both chambers, [SB88](#) and [HB322](#) would authorize the State Administrator of Elections to enter into memoranda of understanding with municipalities, allowing for State support in municipal elections when possible.

Municipalities would be able to request inclusion on the State ballot nine months prior to the filing deadline.

So that this can apply to elections in 2025, this is an emergency bill.

I urge a favorable report on SB88.