

March 30, 2026

Education, Energy, and the Environment (EEE) Committee
Maryland Senate
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 1448 — Municipal Elections

Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Dear Chair Feldman and members of the EEE Committee:

As a local elected official representing the area of Annapolis that you're sitting in, I support HB 1448 with the following amendment. This will ensure tabulation procedures for municipalities that have adopted or use ranked choice voting are available to the public and reviewed by the State Board of Elections for compliance.

Annapolis, like many jurisdictions across the state, is exploring adopting ranked choice voting to make our elections kinder and fairer. This amendment would support our collaboration with the State Board of Elections to do so in a transparent and secure manner.

Proposed Amendment:

ANY MUNICIPALITY THAT CONDUCTS ELECTIONS USING RANKED-CHOICE VOTING
SHALL PROVIDE REGULATIONS ON THE TABULATION OF RANKED BALLOTS TO THE
STATE BOARD FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR USE WITH STATE VOTING EQUIPMENT.

Thank you very much to the bill sponsors who are working to bring more transparency and awareness to municipal elections. I sincerely request that you provide a favorable recommendation with this amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HMH', with a horizontal line underneath.

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