

Chapter 163

(Senate Bill 287)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Elections – Municipal Elections – Publication of Results on Website

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Elections ~~to maintain a portal on its website through which municipalities submit election results; requiring the State Board~~ to publish municipal election results on its website; and generally relating to the publication of municipal election results by the State Board of Elections.

BY adding to
Article – Local Government
Section 4–108.5
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Local Government

4–108.5.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “STATE BOARD” MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

(B) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL:

~~(1) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC PORTAL ON THE STATE BOARD’S WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH MUNICIPALITIES SUBMIT ELECTION RESULTS; AND~~

~~(2)~~, IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MUNICIPALITY SUBMITS ITS ELECTION RESULTS, PUBLISH THE ELECTION RESULTS ON THE STATE BOARD’S WEBSITE.

(2) THE ELECTION RESULTS PUBLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ORGANIZED BY ELECTION YEAR AND THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

(C) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE RESULTS OF A MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS HELD ARE CERTIFIED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD AN AN

ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR EACH OFFICE OR QUESTION VOTED ON AT THE ELECTION, INCLUDING:

(1) VOTE TOTALS FOR EACH OFFICE OR QUESTION REPORTED SEPARATELY BY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING VOTING METHODS, IF APPLICABLE:

- (I) IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING;**
- (II) MAIL-IN VOTING OR VOTE-BY-MAIL;**
- (III) PROVISIONAL VOTING; AND**
- (IV) IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING; AND**

(2) IF THE MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTS PARTISAN ELECTIONS, THE PARTY AFFILIATION OF EACH CANDIDATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2023.