

HOUSE BILL 708

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EMERGENCY BILL

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Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Elections – Voter Registration – List and Qualifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each municipality to require voter registration for its
4 elections; prohibiting an individual from becoming registered to vote in a municipal
5 election if the individual is not a citizen of the United States; and generally relating
6 to voter registration in municipal elections.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Election Law

9 Section 3–402

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Election Law

14 Section 3–403(a) and (g)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY adding to

18 Article – Local Government

19 Section 4–108.6

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Election Law**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3-402.

This subtitle does not apply to a municipal corporation that:

(1) [does not require voter registration for its elections;

(2)] prior to January 1, 1990, used the voter registry supplied by the local board as qualification for voting in municipal elections; or

[(3)] (2) provides for the local board to conduct municipal elections.

3-403.

(a) A voter residing in a municipal corporation is considered to be registered for elections in that municipal corporation if the voter is included on the statewide voter registration list at an address within the municipal corporation.

(g) This section may not be construed to prohibit a municipal corporation from administering and maintaining a supplemental list of those individuals who are not on the statewide voter registration list but who may otherwise be qualified to register to vote with the municipal corporation.

Article – Local Government

4-108.6.

(A) EACH MUNICIPALITY SHALL REQUIRE VOTER REGISTRATION FOR ITS ELECTIONS.

(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BECOME REGISTERED TO VOTE IN A MUNICIPAL ELECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.