

HOUSE BILL 322

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 88

By: **Delegate Wims**

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2025

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – State Administrator of Elections – Municipal Elections**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to enter into
4 memoranda of understanding with municipalities that allow the State
5 Administrator to work collaboratively with a municipality to support the
6 administration of the municipality's elections; and generally relating to the
7 administration of municipal elections.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Election Law
10 Section 2–103(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Election Law
15 Section 2–103(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Election Law**

21 2–103.

22 (a) There is a State Administrator of Elections.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(E) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR MAY ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF**
2 **UNDERSTANDING WITH A MUNICIPALITY, THE TERMS OF WHICH SHALL ALLOW THE**
3 **ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE MUNICIPALITY TO**
4 **SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S ELECTIONS.**

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