

SENATE BILL 883

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Municipal Elections – Voting by Individuals Not Lawfully Present in the United**
3 **States**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting individuals who are not lawfully present in the United
5 States from voting in municipal elections; providing that if a municipality allows
6 individuals who are residents of the municipality but are not citizens of the United
7 States to vote in its municipal elections, the municipality shall verify the lawful
8 presence of each such individual in the United States before the individual votes;
9 and generally relating to voting in municipal elections by individuals who are not
10 lawfully present in the United States.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Local Government
13 Section 4–108.5
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2013 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Local Government**

19 **4–108.5.**

20 **(A) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED**
21 **STATES MAY NOT VOTE IN A MUNICIPAL ELECTION.**

22 **(B) IF A MUNICIPALITY ALLOWS INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE**
23 **MUNICIPALITY BUT ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO VOTE IN**
24 **MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL VERIFY THE LAWFUL PRESENCE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 IN THE UNITED STATES OF EACH SUCH INDIVIDUAL BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL
2 VOTES.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2017.