

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1457
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “boards” insert “of elections”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “a” in line 4 on page 1 down through “systems” in line 3 on page 2 and substitute “certain voting systems for certain purposes; requiring the voting systems selected and certified by the State Board to be used in all counties; altering the requirements for and considerations by which the State Board certifies voting systems under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law concerning the prohibition on the use of mechanical lever voting machines on or after a certain date do not apply in a county until certain conditions are met; requiring a county to pay its share of a certain percentage of the State’s cost to acquire and operate the uniform statewide voting systems under certain circumstances; providing that a county is not required to implement the statewide voting system until a certain date and is not required to pay certain costs until the county implements the uniform statewide voting system under certain circumstances; requiring that any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment be distributed in a certain manner; and generally relating to voting systems in the State”.

On page 2, in line 6, after “Section” insert “9-101”; in the same line, strike “and”; in the same line, strike “through” and substitute “, and”; in line 11, strike “9-101”; in the same line, strike “and”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 16, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY renumbering

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 9-106
to be Section 9-104”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 20, after “MARYLAND,” insert “That Section(s) 9-104 of Article 33 -

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Election Code of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 9-106 of Article 33 - Election Code of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 9-104.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,”;

in lines 22 and 31, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 23, after “(a)” insert an opening bracket; in line 25, after “subtitle” insert “] THE STATE BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL BOARDS, SHALL SELECT AND CERTIFY A VOTING SYSTEM FOR VOTING IN POLLING PLACES AND A VOTING SYSTEM FOR ABSENTEE VOTING”; in line 26, after “(b)” insert an opening bracket; in line 31, after “places” insert “] THE VOTING SYSTEM SELECTED AND CERTIFIED FOR VOTING IN POLLING PLACES AND THE VOTING SYSTEM SELECTED AND CERTIFIED FOR ABSENTEE VOTING SHALL BE USED IN ALL COUNTIES”; and after line 31, insert:

“(C) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ACQUIRE:

(1) THE VOTING SYSTEM SELECTED AND CERTIFIED FOR VOTING IN POLLING PLACES; AND

(2) THE VOTING SYSTEM SELECTED AND CERTIFIED FOR ABSENTEE VOTING”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 32 on page 2 through line 8 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, in line 20, strike “and”; and in line 21, after “candidates;” insert “AND

(VI) BE CAPABLE OF CREATING A PAPER RECORD OF ALL VOTES CAST IN ORDER THAT AN AUDIT TRAIL IS AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT OF A RECOUNT;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, in line 9, strike “disabled”; and in the same line, strike “AS PROVIDED UNDER” and substitute “WITH DISABILITIES RECOGNIZED BY”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 8, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 11, inclusive; in line 12, in each instance, strike the bracket; and in the same line, strike “9-104.”.

On pages 8 and 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 8 through line 41 on page 9.

On page 9, in line 43, strike “On” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, ON”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 10, in line 11, strike “STATEWIDE”; in the same line, after “UNIFORM” insert “STATEWIDE”; in the same line, after “SYSTEM” insert “FOR VOTING IN POLLING PLACES”; after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act, each county shall pay its share of one-half of the State’s cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting systems for voting in polling places and for absentee voting provided for under this Act, including the cost of maintenance, storage, printing of ballots, technical support and programming, related supplies and materials, and software licensing fees. A county’s share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting systems shall be based upon the county’s voting age population.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) A county that has purchased a voting system for voting at polling places within the last 10 years and before December 31, 2000 is not required to implement the uniform statewide voting system for voting at polling places provided for under this Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide voting system for voting at polling places until the system is implemented in the county ; and

(b) A county that has purchased a voting system for absentee voting within the last 10

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years and before December 31, 2000 is not required to implement the uniform statewide system for absentee voting provided for under this Act until July 1, 2006, and is not required to pay a share of the cost of acquiring and operating the uniform statewide system for absentee voting until the system is implemented in the county.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed to the State and fifty percent of any federal funds received for improvements in voting systems and equipment shall be distributed, on the basis of a county's voting age population, to the counties that have implemented the uniform statewide voting system provided for under this Act in the fiscal year in which the funds are received.”;

and in line 16, strike “2.” and substitute “7.”.