

**HB1179/775361/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1179  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 17, after “center;” insert “authorizing an early voting center to be located in a building that is partially occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license under certain circumstances; stating the finding of the General Assembly that a certain fund is inoperable; stating that a certain report supports the finding that a certain fund is inoperable; requiring the State Board to expend a certain amount from a certain fund to finance the cost to the State of implementing early voting for certain elections; requiring the Comptroller to disburse funds, at the request of the State Board, from a certain fund for the purpose of implementing early voting for certain elections;”.

On page 2, in line 8, after “9-404,” insert “10-101,”; and in line 13, strike “10-101 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 17, strike “subparagraph (iii)” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPHS (III) AND (IV)”; and after line 28, insert:

**“(IV) AN EARLY VOTING CENTER MAY BE LOCATED IN A BUILDING THAT IS PARTIALLY OCCUPIED BY AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE IF:**

**1. THE STATE BOARD, IN COLLABORATION WITH A LOCAL BOARD, DETERMINES THAT THE BUILDING IS A SUITABLE SITE FOR AN EARLY VOTING CENTER; AND**

(Over)

**2. THE ENTRANCE TO A LICENSEE'S ESTABLISHMENT IS AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PART OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE EARLY VOTING CENTER IS LOCATED.**

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 8, in line 8, strike "**FRIDAY**" and substitute "**THURSDAY**"; and in line 10, strike "**7 A.M.**" and substitute "**10 A.M.**".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 9, after line 21, insert:

"SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The General Assembly finds that the Fair Campaign Financing Fund established under § 15-103 of the Election Law Article is inoperable and cannot function as originally contemplated.

(b) The 2004 final report of the Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland supports the finding in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The State Board of Elections shall expend no more than \$2.5 million from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund established under § 15-103 of the Election Law Article to finance the cost to the State of implementing early voting under this Act for the 2010 primary and general elections.

(d) The Comptroller shall disburse funds at the request of the State Board of Elections from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund for purposes of this section."

and in line 22, strike "4." and substitute "5.".