

**HB0438/863328/1**

BY: Delegate Alston

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 438  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, in line 1, after “Act;” insert “making this Act contingent on the resolution of certain litigation under certain circumstances; declaring that the provisions of this Act are not severable;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, in line 10, after “That” insert “, if a petition to refer this Act to the people is filed with the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XVI of the Maryland Constitution and Title 6 of the Election Law Article, and a dispute arises as to the validity or sufficiency of the signatures required to complete the referendum petition as provided under Title 6 of the Election Law Article, this Act shall not take effect until the resolution of any litigation resulting from the dispute.”

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 1, § 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the provisions of this Act are not severable, and if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, no other provision or application of this Act may be given effect and this Act shall be null and void.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 5 of this Act.”.