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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 931

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Appointment of General Counsel” and substitute “Provision of Professional Legal Assistance”; and strike beginning with the second “the” in line 3 down through “duties” in line 6 and substitute “, subject to a certain condition, the Attorney General shall provide professional legal assistance to the State Board of Elections; providing that, if the State Administrator of Elections makes a certain determination, the State Administrator, on confirmation by majority vote of the State Board, may retain the services of independent legal counsel to provide professional assistance to the State Board and the State Administrator”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 10, inclusive, and substitute:

**“(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE BOARD IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD.**

**(B) IF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE BOARD, DETERMINES THAT BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY NOT PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE BOARD OR THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR ON A MATTER, THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, ON CONFIRMATION BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE STATE BOARD, MAY RETAIN THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE BOARD AND THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR.**”.