

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 212
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “to” in line 5 down through “circumstances” in line 9 and substitute “or a certain entity to receive reports of certain individuals who are reported deceased; requiring an election director to mail a certain notice on receipt of a certain report that a registered voter is deceased; requiring an election director to take certain actions if the election director receives a certain response to the notice; requiring an election director to remove a registered voter who is reported deceased from the statewide voter registration list if the election director does not receive a certain response to the notice”; and after line 10, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Election Law
Section 3-501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2010 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 18, insert:

“3-501.

An election director may remove a voter from the statewide voter registration list only:

- (1) at the request of the voter, provided the request is:
 - (i) signed by the voter;

(Over)

- (ii) authenticated by the election director; and
- (iii) in a format acceptable to the State Board or on a cancellation notice provided by the voter on a voter registration application;
- (2) upon determining, based on information provided pursuant to § 3–504 of this subtitle, that the voter is no longer eligible because:
 - (i) the voter is not qualified to be a registered voter as provided in § 3–102(b) of this title; or
 - (ii) the voter is deceased;
 - (3) if the voter has moved outside the State, as determined by conducting the procedures established in § 3–502 of this subtitle; or
 - (4) if, in accordance with the administrative complaint process under § 3–602 of this title, the State Administrator or the State Administrator’s designee has determined that the voter is not qualified to be registered to vote.”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 18, inclusive, and substitute:

“(3) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR AN ENTITY THAT RECEIVES INFORMATION FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND IS APPROVED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES, IF AVAILABLE, OF ALL MARYLAND RESIDENTS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE REPORTED DECEASED.”.

On page 3, in line 8, after “(2)” insert: “(1)”; strike beginning with “SOCIAL” in line 8 down through “ADMINISTRATION” in line 9; strike beginning with “SHALL” in

line 11 down through "SUBTITLE" in line 12 and substitute: "SHALL MAIL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST, BY REGULAR U.S. MAIL, A NOTICE THAT:

1. STATES THAT THE REGISTERED VOTER HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE DIED; AND

2. NOTIFIES THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A PERSON ATTENDING THE AFFAIRS OF A DECEASED VOTER THAT THE VOTER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST UNLESS, WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE DATE OF THE LETTER, THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A REPRESENTATIVE:

A. OBJECTS TO THE REMOVAL; AND

B. SHOWS CAUSE WHY THE REMOVAL SHOULD NOT PROCEED.

(ii) IF THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A REPRESENTATIVE TIMELY OBJECTS AND SHOWS CAUSE WHY THE REMOVAL SHOULD NOT PROCEED, THE ELECTION DIRECTOR MAY:

1. TERMINATE THE REMOVAL PROCESS AND RETAIN THE REGISTERED VOTER ON THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST; OR

2. REFER THE MATTER TO THE LOCAL BOARD FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE REGISTERED VOTER'S STATUS.

(III) IF THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A REPRESENTATIVE FAILS TO TIMELY OBJECT AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE REMOVAL SHOULD NOT PROCEED, THE REGISTRATION SHALL BE CANCELED AND THE REGISTERED VOTER REMOVED FROM THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST".