

HB1007/834231/2

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1007
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 2 down through the semicolon in line 29.

On page 3, in line 43, strike “hunting and fishing licenses” and substitute “any license, permit, or certificate”; in line 44, after “system;” insert “requiring the State Board and the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop procedures for individuals who use the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site or who are contacted through a certain program to register to vote through a link to the online voter registration system; requiring the State Board and the Department of Human Resources to develop and implement procedures for certain individuals who use the Department’s electronic portal for certain purposes to be offered the opportunity to register to vote through a link to the State Board’s online voter registration system;”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 47 on page 3 down through “year;” in line 3 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 9, after “Administration;” insert “requiring the Attorney General to request certain determinations from the United States Department of Labor and the Internal Revenue Service; making certain provisions of this Act contingent on certain determinations made by the United States Department of Labor; requiring the Department of Information Technology and the State Board of Elections to conduct a certain study;”; in line 33, strike “3-203.1,” and substitute “3-204(a-1), (c), and (j), and”; in the same line, strike “, and 3-204.3”; and in line 38, after “1-101(y)” insert “and 3-204(a)(1) and (3), (d), (e), (g), (h), and (i)”.

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On page 5, in line 9, after “~~3-203~~” insert “and 3-204(c)”; and in line 14, strike “~~3-204~~” and substitute “3-204(a)(2), (b), and (f)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 26, in line 11, after “CARD” insert “, OR ANY OTHER TRANSACTION IN WHICH THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OBTAINS ALL OF THE INFORMATION FROM AN APPLICANT THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE”.

On page 27, in lines 2 and 3, strike “A SOCIAL SERVICE” and substitute “AN ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION”; and in line 24, strike “SOCIAL SERVICE” and substitute “ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 28, in line 1, strike “AN” and substitute “**(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN**”; after line 2, insert:

“(2) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL IMPLEMENT AN ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2019.”;

in line 13, strike the colon; in line 14, strike “**(I)**”; in line 17, strike the semicolon; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 29, inclusive, and substitute a period.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 28 and 29, strike beginning with line 30 on page 28 through line 2 on page 29, inclusive.

On page 29, in line 3, strike “**(E)**” and substitute “**(D)**”; after line 15, insert:

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“(E) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL WHOSE VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE BOARD THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS PROMPTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE.”;

and in line 32, after the semicolon insert **“AND”**.

On page 30, in line 2, after the semicolon insert **“AND”**; strike in their entirety lines 3 through 10, inclusive; in line 24, after **“SHALL”** insert **“CONSOLIDATE AND”**; in line 25, after **“AS”** insert **“A”**; and in line 26, strike **“DOCUMENTS”** and substitute **“DOCUMENT”**.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On pages 30 through 35, strike the lines beginning with line 28 on page 30 through line 23 on page 35, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 36, in line 2, strike the brackets; in line 3, strike **“; AND”** and substitute a period; strike lines 4 and 5, inclusive; and in line 9, strike **“(A-2)”** and substitute **“(A-1)”**.

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On page 37, in line 15, after **“VOTE”** insert **“AND IS INFORMED THAT IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT SELECT A POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DESIGNATED AS NOT AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY AND WILL BE UNABLE TO VOTE IN A PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION”**.

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On page 38, in lines 5 and 20, strike “**2017,**” and “**2018,**”, respectively, and substitute “**2018,**” and “**2019,**”, respectively; and in line 13, strike “**6**” and substitute “**18**”.

On page 39, in lines 1 and 6, strike “**2017,**” and “**2018,**”, respectively, and substitute “**2018,**” and “**2019,**”, respectively; in line 16, strike “an” and substitute “**THE INDIVIDUAL’S**”; and in the same line, strike “copy of the individual’s”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 40, in line 25, strike “**RECREATIONAL HUNTING OR FISHING**”; in line 26, after “**LICENSE**” insert “**, PERMIT, OR CERTIFICATE**”; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 21, inclusive; and after line 32, insert:

“(C) THE STATE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL JOINTLY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WEB SITE OR WHO ARE CONTACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT’S OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE THROUGH A LINK TO THE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

(D) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(II) “APPLICABLE TRANSACTION” MEANS AN ONLINE APPLICATION FOR A STATE OR FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR AN ONLINE APPLICATION FOR A RECERTIFICATION, RENEWAL, OR CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS RELATING TO A STATE OR FEDERALLY FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(III) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(IV) “ELECTRONIC PORTAL” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT’S ONLINE SYSTEM, KNOWN AS MYDHR, THROUGH WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL MAY COMPLETE AN APPLICABLE TRANSACTION.

(2) THE STATE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL JOINTLY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THE DEPARTMENT’S ELECTRONIC PORTAL TO COMPLETE AN APPLICABLE TRANSACTION TO BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE THROUGH A LINK TO THE ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On pages 40 and 41, strike beginning with line 33 on page 40 through line 27 on page 41, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 43, after line 22, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

3-204.

(a) (2) The State Board shall designate the following offices as voter registration agencies:

(i) all offices in the State that provide public assistance;

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(ii) all offices in the State that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to individuals with disabilities; [and]

(iii) all public institutions of higher education in the State; AND

(IV) ALL ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION.

(J) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, AND JANUARY 1 EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE THAT DESCRIBES:

(1) THE EFFORTS OF THE ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS TO REGISTER VOTERS UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR; AND

(2) ANY EFFORTS THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO MAKE TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS AT THE ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS.”;

in line 23, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; after line 30, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before August 1, 2016, the Attorney General shall request a determination letter from the United States Department of Labor confirming that federal law does not preclude the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from utilizing State funds to conduct voter

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registration in accordance with § 3-204 of the Election Law Article as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect contingent on the receipt by the Attorney General of Maryland of a favorable determination letter from the United States Department of Labor confirming that federal law does not preclude the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation from utilizing State funds to conduct voter registration in accordance with § 3-204 of the Election Law Article as enacted by Section 2 of this Act. If a favorable determination letter is received on or before July 1, 2017, Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on the date notice of the letter is received by the Department of Legislative Services in accordance with this section. If the Attorney General does not receive a favorable determination letter on or before July 1, 2017, Section 2 of this Act shall be null and void and of no further force and effect. The Attorney General, within 5 days after receiving the determination letter from the United States Department of Labor, shall forward a copy of the letter to the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before August 1, 2016, the Attorney General shall request a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service confirming that federal law does not preclude the Comptroller from engaging with the State Board of Elections for purposes of voter registration, including the sharing of information with the State Board that would allow for the identification of individuals who filed a Maryland resident individual income tax return and are not registered to vote.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before October 1, 2017, the Department of Information Technology and the State Board of Elections shall complete a study of voter registration at agencies in the Executive Branch of the State. The study shall:

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(1) identify and assess the readiness and time frame within which the agencies that currently offer paper-based voter registration services to eligible State citizens might transition to an electronic system of voter registration;

(2) identify additional agencies for which it would be beneficial to the public to include a link on the agency's Web site to the online voter registration system at the State Board of Elections;

(3) identify additional agencies for which it would be beneficial to the public to be designated as voter registration agencies that provide paper-based or electronic voter registration services;

(4) assess how all agencies entrusted with providing electronic or paper-based voter registration services for citizens of the State maintain and ensure the confidentiality, security, and integrity of personal information obtained from citizens for purposes of voter registration.

(b) On or before October 1, 2017, the Department of Information Technology and the State Board of Elections shall jointly submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, summarizing the findings of the study to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before January 1, 2017, the State Board of Elections shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, concerning the process for informing applicants for voter registration of the manner in which an individual may apply to keep the individual's residence address confidential for specified safety or privacy reasons, as prescribed by the State Board of Elections regulations.”;

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in line 31, strike “3.” and substitute “9.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, subject to Section 5 of this Act.”.