

SB0683/253726/1

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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 683, AS AMENDED
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 2, after “**Boxes,**” insert “**Prohibition on Ballot Harvesting,**”.

On page 1 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments (SB0683/515369/1), in line 12 of Amendment No. 1, after “manner;” insert “prohibiting a person from engaging in ballot harvesting in the State; requiring a voter to notify the local board under certain circumstances; requiring the local board to send an employee of the local board to a voter for a certain purpose under certain circumstances;”.

On page 2 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 1, strike “a permanent absentee ballot list” and substitute “voting”.

On page 2 of the bill, in line 24, strike “a”; and in the same line, strike “term” and substitute “terms”; and after line 40, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 9–307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 9–307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5 of the Committee on Ways and Means Amendments, in line 3 of Amendment No. 2, after “day.” insert:

“9-307.

(a) A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot under this subtitle.

(b) An agent of the voter under this section:

(1) must be at least 18 years old;

(2) may not be a candidate on that ballot;

(3) shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty of perjury; and

(4) shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was:

(i) delivered to the voter who submitted the application;

(ii) marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent’s presence; and

(iii) returned to the local board by the agent.]

9-307.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “BALLOT HARVESTING” MEANS COLLECTING A COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT OF A VOTER OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS OF MULTIPLE VOTERS BY A THIRD PARTY THAT IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF A LOCAL

BOARD IN ORDER TO DELIVER THE COMPLETED BALLOT OR BALLOTS TO A BALLOT DROP BOX OR A LOCAL BOARD.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN BALLOT HARVESTING IN THE STATE.

(C) (1) IF A VOTER REQUIRES ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR RETURNING A COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT TO A BALLOT DROP BOX OR THE LOCAL BOARD, THE VOTER SHALL NOTIFY THE LOCAL BOARD.

(2) ON NOTICE FROM A VOTER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL SEND AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LOCAL BOARD TO THE VOTER TO:

(I) ASSIST WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT; OR

(II) COLLECT AND DELIVER THE COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT TO A BALLOT DROP BOX OR THE LOCAL BOARD.”.