

BY: Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 50

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Judges - Appointment” and substitute “Laws - Judges of Elections”; strike beginning with the first “a” in line 3 down through “party” in line 11 and substitute “the boards of supervisors of elections to appoint as election judges a certain number of registered voters who decline to affiliate with any political party; specifying the circumstances under which such judges may be appointed; specifying that a board may not appoint as chief judge an individual who declines to affiliate with any political party; defining a certain term”; in lines 11 and 12, strike “judges of election” and substitute “election judges”; after line 12, insert:

“BY adding to

Article 33 - Election Code

Section 1-1(a)(5B)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)”;

in line 15, strike “1-1(a)(11)” and substitute “1-1(a)(10)”; and in line 20, strike “and (c) and 2-8”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2, 3, and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 5 on page 2 through line 11 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(5B) “DECLINE” MEANS ANY VOTER WHO HAS DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY.

(10) “Judge” means any person designated as a judge of election and shall include book judges and machine attendants.

(Over)

2-7.

(a) (1) Each board biennially shall appoint for each precinct, at least four [(4)] judges. [An] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN equal number of such judges shall be selected from the majority party and the principal minority party in the State; and the board in making any such appointments shall designate the persons intended by it to represent each such political party. The board may require the attendance of these persons before it for examination with respect to their qualifications.

(2) IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR A PRECINCT IS EIGHT OR MORE, THEN UP TO 25% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JUDGES APPOINTED FOR THE PRECINCT MAY BE DECLINES. THE BOARD MAY NOT APPOINT A DECLINE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF JUDGE.”.