

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 653

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after "elections;" insert "specifying that a petition for recount for a statewide or other multijurisdiction office may be filed with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws; directing the State Board to coordinate a multijurisdiction recount; specifying that a judge of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall set the bond in a multijurisdiction recount;"; in line 7, after "13-1," insert "13-2,"; and in line 8, strike "Nominations at".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 14, strike "Nominations at"; in line 16, before "Within" insert "(A)"; strike beginning with "If" in line 22 down through "simultaneously." in line 25; and after line 25, insert:

"(B) IF THE ELECTION IS FOR A STATEWIDE OFFICE, OR FOR AN OFFICE TO REPRESENT A DISTRICT ENCOMPASSING MORE THAN ONE COUNTY, THE PETITIONER MAY FILE:

(1) SEPARATE PETITIONS IN ONE OR MORE COUNTIES SIMULTANEOUSLY; OR

(2) A SINGLE PETITION WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS TO CONTEST THE ELECTION IN THE ENTIRE AREA THAT THE OFFICE REPRESENTS.

(C) IN A CONTEST FILED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL COORDINATE THE REVIEW, RECOUNT, AND RECANVASS BY THE LOCAL BOARDS.

(Over)

13-2.

(A) The petition shall be filed with a bond and an affidavit or affidavits, made by officers of election or by watchers, challengers or other persons, setting forth acts of fraud, mistake, error or irregularity in making the count or returns by the judges, or setting forth that some of the returns and tally sheets of the primary election show on their faces ambiguity, error, fraud, or mistake or miscalculation by the judges.

(B) (1) A judge of the circuit court for the county shall determine and set bond to be filed by the petitioner sufficient to pay the reasonable costs of said appeal, recount, review and recanvass.

(2) IN A CONTEST FILED PURSUANT TO § 13-1(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHALL DETERMINE AND SET THE BOND.”.