

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 556

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Lever Voting Machines - Prohibition” and substitute “Computerized Voting Systems - Study”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “Law” in line 7 and substitute “requiring the Department of Fiscal Services to conduct a study of computerized voting systems and fiscal aspects of their acquisition and use; requiring the results of the study to be reported to the General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to a study of the use of computerized voting systems”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; after line 20 insert:

“(a) The Department of Fiscal Services shall conduct a study of:

(1) The various types of computerized voting systems in the marketplace;

(2) The cost of those systems;

(3) Any savings that would result from the use of those systems in jurisdictions that do not currently use computerized voting systems; and

(4) Options for financing the costs of those systems.

(b) The Department shall report the results of the study to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, not later than December 31, 1996.”

On pages 1 through 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 40 on page 14, inclusive, and substitute:

(Over)

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1996.”.