

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 147

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “expanding” in line 8 down through “petition;” in line 9; and in line 11, after “election;” insert “altering certain deadlines relating to the special primary and special election; authorizing the State Board to alter certain requirements for the special primary and special election;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in lines 28 and 29, strike “2 days after the effective date of this Act” and substitute “9:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22”.

On page 2, in line 3, strike “within 10 days after the special primary” and substitute “not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. The appropriate political party shall designate a substitute nominee not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 9 and substitute:

“(g) (1) Notwithstanding Article 33, § 13-1, a petition for recount and recanvass of the special primary shall be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6.

(2) Notwithstanding Article 33, § 16-4(d)(2), the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall certify the contents and arrangement of the ballot for the special election as soon as practicable. Notwithstanding Article 33, § 16-4(f), the ballot shall be posted for one day, and any challenge must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the day of posting.

(3) Notwithstanding Article 33, § 18-1, the Board of Canvassers shall convene immediately after the vote totals in the 7th Congressional District primary from Baltimore City and Baltimore County are available.

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(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of Article 33 that sets minimum time limits, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws, by order, may reduce the amount of time required or allowed for any election-related action pertaining to the special primary or special election. The State Board may not alter any time requirement relating to voting or polling place procedures on election day.”;

and in line 10, strike “The” and substitute “At the request of a local board of supervisors of elections,  
the”.