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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 State Administrative Board of Election Laws - Appointment of Members - Minority Party

3 FOR the purpose of altering the process by which an individual of the minority party is
4 appointed to the State Administrative Board of Election Laws; requiring the
5 Governor to appoint an individual of the minority party from a list of names
6 submitted by the central committee representing the minority party in the State;
7 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the State Administrative Board of
8 Election Laws.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 33 - Election Code
11 Section 1A-1(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 33 - Election Code**

17 1A-1.

18 (a) (1) There is hereby created a State Administrative Board of Election Laws
19 consisting of five members. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the
20 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland and shall be residents
21 and voters of the State of Maryland for [five] 5 years preceding their appointment and
22 during the time of acting as a member of this Board shall not hold any public or party
23 office or be a candidate for any public or party office. The term shall be for a period of
24 [four] 4 years. In case of a vacancy on the Board by reason of death, resignation or
25 otherwise, occurring when the Senate is not in session, the Governor shall appoint
26 [some] AN eligible person to fill the vacancy until the end of the next session of the
27 General Assembly or until [some other] ANOTHER person is appointed to the office,
28 whichever first occurs; provided that the appointee must be a member of the same
29 political party as the individual whom [he] THE APPOINTEE replaces. Of the five
30 members appointed to the Board three shall be of the majority party and two shall be of
31 the minority party. The members of the Board shall receive per diem compensation as
32 provided in the budget for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his official duties

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1 as well as reimbursement for all necessary and proper expenses. The members of the
2 Board shall elect one of their number as the chairman of the Board.

3 (2) BEFORE APPOINTING AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE MINORITY PARTY TO
4 THE BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL REQUEST THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
5 REPRESENTING THE MINORITY PARTY IN THE STATE TO SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR
6 A LIST OF SIX ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THE MINORITY PARTY. THE
7 GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST TO THE BOARD.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 1996.