BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 127

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 3 through 5, inclusive.

On page 5 in lines 6, 14, 17, 23, 26, and 28, on page 6 in lines 1, 4, 9, 12, 19, 21, 25, 28, and 31, and on page 7 in lines 3 and 6, strike "(S)", "(T)", "(U)", "(V)", "(W)", "(X)", "(Y)", "(Z)", "(AA)", "(BB)", "(CC)", "(DD)", "(EE)", "(FF)", "(GG)", "(HH)", and "(II)", respectively, and substitute "(R)", "(S)", "(T)", "(U)", "(W)", "(X)", "(Y)", "(Z)", "(AA)", "(BB)", "(CC)", "(DD)", "(EE)", "(FF)", "(GG)", and "(HH)", respectively.

On page 7, after line 9, insert:

"(II) STATE ADMINISTRATOR.

<u>"STATE ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF</u> ELECTIONS.".

On page 11, in line 33, strike "AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" and substitute "A STATE ADMINISTRATOR".

On page 12 in lines 20 and 24, and on page 13 in lines 2, 8, and 18, in each instance, strike "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" and substitute "STATE ADMINISTRATOR".

On page 12, in line 22, strike "AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD" and substitute "A STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS"; and in line 29, strike "DIRECTOR" and substitute "ADMINISTRATOR".

On page 13, strike beginning with "FOR" in line 9 down through "DESIGNATION" in line 11: and after line 11, insert:

"(C) OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THE APPOINTEE TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.".

On page 24, after line 13, insert:

"(3) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR;";

and in lines 14, 15, and 16, strike "(3)", "(4)", and "(5)", respectively, and substitute "(4)", "(5)", and "(6)", respectively.

On page 26 in lines 23, 26 and 27, and 33, on page 94 in lines 25 and 33, on page 95 in line 10, on page 97 in line 10, on page 134 in lines 5 and 7, on page 191 in lines 3 and 4, on page 219 in lines 41 and 42, and on page 225 in lines 6, 19, and 21 and 22, in each instance, strike "EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR" and substitute "STATE ADMINISTRATOR".

On page 114, in line 18, strike "2" and substitute "3".

On page 151, strike in their entirety lines 29 and 30 and substitute:

"(2) (I) A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT A NOMINEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY OR AFFILIATED WITH A PARTISAN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS AN "INDEPENDENT".

(II) A CANDIDATE WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH A PARTISAN ORGANIZATION SHALL BE DESIGNATED UNDER "OTHER CANDIDATES"."

On page 253, in line 26, strike "Executive Director of the State Board of Elections" and substitute "State Administrator of Elections"; and in line 28, strike "Executive Director" and substitute "State Administrator".