BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 432</u>
(First Reading File Bill)

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>

On page 1, in line 2, strike ""Help America Vote Act"" and substitute "<u>Law</u>"; in line 4, after the semicolon insert "<u>designating the State Board of Elections as the official office required to provide certain information in accordance with the Uniform Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act;</u>"; and in line 19, after the first comma, insert "<u>2-102(b),</u>".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>

On page 2, after line 16, insert:

"<u>2-102.</u>

(b)   In exercising its authority under this article and in order to ensure compliance with this article and with any requirements of federal law, the State Board shall:

(1)   supervise the conduct of elections in the State;

(2)   direct, support, monitor, and evaluate the activities of each local board;

(3)   have a staff sufficient to perform its functions;

(4)   adopt regulations to implement its powers and duties;

(5)   receive, and in its discretion audit, campaign finance reports;

(6)   appoint a State Administrator in accordance with § 2-103 of this subtitle;

(7)   maximize the use of technology in election administration, including the

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development of a plan for a comprehensive computerized elections management system;

(8)   canvass and certify the results of elections as prescribed by law;

(9)   make available to the general public, in a timely and efficient manner, information on the electoral process, including a publication that includes the text of this article, relevant portions of the Maryland Constitution, and information gathered and maintained regarding elections;

(10)   subject to §§ 2-106 and 13-341 of this article, receive, maintain, and serve as a depository for elections documents, materials, records, statistics, reports, certificates, proclamations, and other information prescribed by law or regulation; [and]

(11)   prescribe all forms required under this article; AND

(12)   SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATED OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCEDURES FOR ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTERS AND OVERSEAS VOTERS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.".

On page 4, in line 32, after "ELECTION;", insert "AND".

On page 5, in line 2, strike "OR"; in line 5, strike "(3)" and substitute "(III)"; and in line 11, strike "OF".

On page 8, in line 30, strike "vote" and substitute "BALLOT".

On page 10, in line 8, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "IF:"; in line 9, strike "(I)"; in the same line, after "determines" insert "THAT"; in line 10, strike the first set of brackets; in the same line strike "1."; in line 11, strike "AND"; in line 12, strike the first set of brackets; in the same line, strike "2."; in line 17, strike "OR"; in line 18, strike "(II) IN CASES WHERE" and substitute "(III) IF"; in line 19, after "PROVIDE" insert "REQUIRED"; strike beginning with the second "THE" in line 19 down through "THAT" in line 20; in line 21, after "BOARD" insert "; OR

(IV)   IF THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT WAS CAST DURING A PERIOD COVERED BY A COURT ORDER OR OTHER ORDER EXTENDING THE TIME FOR CLOSING THE POLLS, THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN INVALIDATED BY A SUBSEQUENT COURT ORDER";

and in line 36, strike "EACH LOCAL" and substitute "<u>THE STATE</u>".