

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 675

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Patterson” and substitute “Patterson, Jones, and Quinter”; in line 2, strike “Elections Office and State Elections Advisory Committee” and substitute “Board of Elections - Membership Appointment Process and Authority over the State Administrator”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “elections” in line 13 and substitute “altering the appointment process for the members of the State Board of Elections; requiring the Governor to appoint to the State Board an individual whose name is submitted by the State Central Committee of a certain principal political party; providing that the appointment of the State Administrator of Elections by the State Board is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; clarifying the authority of the State Board to remove the State Administrator; providing that the deputy administrator shall serve as the State Administrator for a certain period under certain circumstances; providing that the State Administrator is authorized to continue to serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed by the Senate of Maryland under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the appointment of the members of the State Board of Elections and the authority of the State Board over the State Administrator”; strike in their entirety lines 14 through 21, inclusive; in line 22, after “repealing” insert “and reenacting, with amendments,”; in line 24, after “2-102” insert “and 2-103”; and strike in their entirety lines 27 through 30, inclusive.

On page 2, strike in its entirety line 1.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 8, inclusive; in lines 10, 11, 12, and 15, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 10 and 12, in each instance, strike “OFFICE”; and in lines 12 and 13, strike “BE LOCATED”.

On page 3, in line 17, strike the bracket.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 15, before “Each” insert “(1)”; and in lines 16, 18, 20, 22, and 23, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively; in line 17, strike “Governor,” and substitute “GOVERNOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,”; and after line 25, insert:

“(2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE NAME IS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY ENTITLED TO THE APPOINTMENT.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 3 through line 22 on page 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, in line 26, after “by” insert “THE STATE BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND,”; in the same line, in each instance, strike the bracket; strike beginning with “THE” in line 26 down through “SENATE” in line 28; in line 31, after “administrator” insert “, WHO SHALL SERVE AS STATE ADMINISTRATOR IN THE EVENT THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNS, BECOMES DISABLED, OR DIES, PENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR STATE ADMINISTRATOR”; in line 33, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with “SUFFICIENT” in line 33 down through “ARTICLE” in line 34.

On page 6, in line 1, strike “CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THE STATE AND THE”; in lines 4, 5, and 9, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 5, before “be” insert “PROVIDED THE STATE BOARD IS FULLY CONSTITUTED WITH FIVE DULY CONFIRMED MEMBERS,”; in the same line, before “members” insert “DULY CONFIRMED”; in line 6, strike “; however,” and substitute “EXCEPT THAT:

(I)”;

in line 9, strike “AS PROVIDED UNDER § 2-107(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE”; after line 9, insert:

“(II) SUBSEQUENT TO A VALID VOTE FOR REMOVAL BY AT LEAST FOUR DULY CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD, THE STATE

ADMINISTRATOR IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND”;

and in line 10, strike “official;” and substitute “OFFICIAL.”.

On pages 6 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 6 through line 5 on page 9, inclusive.