

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1046

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, strike “setting the number and location of” and substitute “establishing”; in line 7, after “election;” insert “granting authority to certain entities to select early voting polling places; establishing that each local board of elections has the final authority to select the geographic locations for certain early voting polling places; requiring the Governor to allocate certain resources to implement this Act;”; and in line 8, after “guidelines” insert “by a certain date”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike “EIGHTH” and substitute “FIFTH”; in line 2, strike “FRIDAY” and substitute “SATURDAY”; in line 4, strike “, INCLUDING EACH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY”; strike beginning with “SET” in line 6 down through “MUST” in line 7; in line 7, after “ESTABLISH” insert “AT LEAST ONE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE IN EACH COUNTY”; after line 7 insert:

“(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AT LEAST ONE OF THE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE IN THE COUNTY.

(3) IF THE LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE IS NOT SUITABLE TO BE USED AS AN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE, THE LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY USE ANOTHER SUITABLE LOCATION.”;

in line 8, strike “(2)” and substitute “(4) (I)”; in line 9, strike “EQUAL PROPORTIONS BY” and substitute “CONSULTATION WITH”; in lines 10 and 11, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “1.” and “2.”, respectively; in line 10, after “PARTY;” insert “AND”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 11 down through “GROUPS” in line 14; after line 14, insert:

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“(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, EACH LOCAL BOARD HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY TO SELECT THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS FOR THE NUMBER OF EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES DESIGNATED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THAT COUNTY”;

strike in their entirety lines 15 through 21, inclusive; in line 22, strike “(I)”; in the same line, after “BOARD” insert “UNDER THIS SECTION”; strike in their entirety lines 24 through 26, inclusive; in line 27, strike “LOCATION” and substitute “PLACE”; in line 31, strike “LOCATIONS” and substitute “PLACES”; and in line 32, after “(E)” insert “ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2006.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 35, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall allocate the resources required to implement the requirements of this Act, including any gift received by the State for the purposes of this Act under § 2-201 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, or, except for federal funds received by the State to implement the requirements of the Help America Vote Act 2002, any federal or other funds or grant received by the State in accordance with federal and State law for the purposes of this Act by fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 2, strike “October” and substitute “June”.