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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 63

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “districts;” in line 9; and strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 15 down through “protections” in line 18 and substitute “requiring the Voter’s Bill of Rights document to include instructions on how to contact local boards of elections for certain purposes; and generally relating to the Voter’s Bill of Rights”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 7, strike “and 16-201”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 2 through line 15 on page 3, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 23, after “**BOARD**” insert “**UNDER § 10-306 OF THIS ARTICLE**”; after line 27, insert:

“(1) VOTE IF THE VOTER IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT, AND WILL BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION;

“(2) VOTE AT A POLLING PLACE, WHENEVER PRACTICABLE, THAT IS ARRANGED TO AVOID BARRIERS THAT IMPEDE ACCESS OR VOTING BY ELDERLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED VOTERS;

(Over)

(3) HAVE THE VOTER’S VOTE BE CAST SECRETLY, ACCURATELY RECORDED AND COUNTED, AND, IF NECESSARY, RECOUNTED USING A UNIFORM AND STATEWIDE STANDARD;;

and in line 28, strike “(1)” and substitute “(4)”.

On page 4, in lines 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 12, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(7)”, respectively, and substitute “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, “(9)”, and “(10)”, respectively; in line 3, after “INCLUDING” insert “**ASSISTANCE BY REASON OF DISABILITY OR INABILITY TO READ OR WRITE, AND**”; in line 10, after “COERCION” insert “, **DISCRIMINATION, THREATS,**”; in line 11, strike “AND”; in line 14, after “CAST” insert “;**AND**”

(11) HAVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT AN ALLEGED VOTING RIGHTS VIOLATION RESOLVED FAIRLY, ACCURATELY, AND EFFICIENTLY;

and after line 24, insert:

“(3) THE “VOTER’S BILL OF RIGHTS” DOCUMENT SHALL INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL BOARD IF A VOTER’S RIGHTS ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN VIOLATED AND A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THAT PURPOSE.”

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 4 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 4 through line 2 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 4, strike “October” and substitute “**July**”.