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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 148
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with "Presidential" in line 2 down through "Vote" in line 3 and substitute "Commission to Study Whether to Enter the State Into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote"; and strike in their entirety lines 4 through 16, inclusive, and substitute:

"FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission to Study Whether to Enter the State Into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; providing for the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to elect a chair from its membership; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to provide staff for the Commission; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving compensation for serving on the Commission; authorizing members of the Commission to receive reimbursement for certain expenses; providing for the duties and reporting requirements of the Commission; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a Commission to Study Whether to Enter the State Into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote."

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 6 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:"

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AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 7 on page 2 through line 23 on page 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Commission to Study Whether to Enter the State Into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland;

(i) One member appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(ii) One member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

(2) Two members of the House of Delegates;

(i) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(ii) One member appointed by the House Minority Leader;

(3) Two representatives of the public with expertise in the field of election law, appointed by the Governor;

(4) The Secretary of State or the Secretary’s designee; and

(5) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) The statewide governing body of each political party with a certified candidate on the ballot in the general election of 2004 shall submit a list of the names of at least three nominees to the Governor for nomination to the Commission; and

(ii) The Governor shall appoint two members from each list submitted by the statewide governing body of a political party under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph to the Commission.

(c) The members of the Commission shall elect a chair from the membership.

(d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Commission.

(e) A member of the Commission:

(1) May not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Commission shall:

(1) Study whether to enter the State into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; and

(2) Make a recommendation as to whether the State should enter into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

(g) On or before December 31, 2007, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, in line 24, strike “4.” and substitute “2.”; strike beginning with the second comma in line 24 down through “Act,” in line 25; in line 25, strike “October”

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and substitute "June"; and in line 25, after "2007." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".