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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4
(First Reading File Joint Resolution)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, strike “a certain date” and substitute “certain dates”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“(1) Six individuals appointed by the President of the Senate of Maryland, including:

(i) Three members of the Senate of Maryland, at least one of whom shall be a member of the minority party of the Senate; and

(ii) Three additional individuals, at least one of whom shall be a member of the principal minority party in the State;

(2) Six individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House, including:

(i) Three members of the House of Delegates, at least one of whom shall be a member of the minority party in the House; and

(ii) Three additional individuals, at least one of whom shall be a member of the principal minority party in the State; and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 14, strike “Nine” and substitute “Five”; in the same line, strike “three” and substitute “one”; in line 15, strike “members” and substitute “a member”; strike in their entirety lines 16 through 18, inclusive, and substitute:

(Over)

“(i) The State Administrator of Elections, or the State Administrator’s designee;

(ii) The Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, or the Executive Director’s designee; and”;

in line 19, strike “(iv)” and substitute “(iii)”; and in the same line, strike “Six” and substitute “Three”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike line 20 and substitute:

“(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House jointly shall designate the chair of the Commission.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 27, after “jurisdictions” insert “, including the federal government”.

On page 3, in line 10, strike “beneficiaries” and substitute “contributions to”; in line 21, after “a” insert “voluntary”; strike line 22 and substitute “public financing of campaigns for local, statewide, legislative, and judicial offices, including the costs and practical funding sources outside of the State’s general fund;

(5) Examine issues relating to the purpose and function of slates, including the process by which a candidate is added to and removed from a slate, the practice of creating statewide and regional slates among legislative candidates, and the role encompassed in the party committee model utilized in other jurisdictions for activities currently conducted in Maryland through slates;

(6) Examine issues relating to the enforcement of election laws, including the roles and responsibilities of the State Board of Elections, the Office of the State Prosecutor, and the Office of the Attorney General;

(7) Examine issues relating to opinions from the Office of the Attorney General, including the dissemination of letters of advice;; and in line 23, strike “(5)” and substitute “(8)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 24 through 27, inclusive, and substitute:

“(9) (i) Provide an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed statutory changes to the Maryland campaign finance laws for consideration by the General Assembly in the 2012 Session, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by December 31, 2011; and

(ii) Provide a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed statutory changes to the Maryland campaign finance laws for consideration by the General Assembly in the 2013 Session, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by December 31, 2012.”.