

SB0279/664735/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 279, AS AMENDED

On page 1 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (SB0279/184239/1), in line 5 of Amendment No. 1, after “Act;” insert “requiring the State Board of Elections to review and conduct a certain analysis and submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”.

On page 3 of the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments, in line 2 of Amendment No. 4, after “That” insert “the State Board of Elections shall:”

(1) (i) review the maximum wait times for Maryland voters in the 2010 and 2012 primary and general elections and identify the causes for wait times of more than 30 minutes; and

(ii) propose target maximum wait times for voters at early voting centers and polling places at primary and general elections in the State;

(2) review and conduct a detailed analysis concerning the deployment of voting equipment and related infrastructure and the staffing practices and procedures utilized by local boards of election at early voting centers during the early voting period and at polling places on election day to determine what adjustments could be implemented to reduce the maximum wait times at early voting centers during the early voting period and polling places on election day to 30 minutes or, alternatively, to 60 minutes;

(3) if it determines that additional voting equipment and related infrastructure and staff are needed to reduce the maximum wait times at early voting

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centers during the early voting period and polling places on election day to 30 minutes or, alternatively, to 60 minutes, provide an estimate of the fiscal costs of implementing each of those standards; and

(4) on or before December 31, 2013, submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That”;

and in lines 4 and 5, strike “4.” and “3”, respectively, and substitute “5.” and “4”, respectively.