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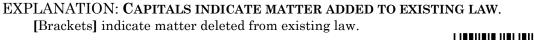
By: Senator Simonaire

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2	Election Law – State Administrator of Elections – Term				
3	FOR the purpose of establishing the term of office for the State Administrator of Election				
4	providing that the State Administrator is eligible for reappointment; requiring the				
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11	for the State Administrator of Elections.				
12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,				
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14	Section 2–103				
15	Annotated Code of Maryland				
16	(2017 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)				
$\begin{array}{c} 17\\18\end{array}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:				
19	Article – Election Law				
20	2–103.				
21	(a) There is a State Administrator of Elections.				
22	(b) The State Administrator shall:				
23	(1) be appointed by the State Board, with the advice and consent of the				





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1	Senate of Maryland, [and] FOR A TERM OF 12 YEARS;			
2		(2) serv	e at the pleasure of the State Board;	
3		(3) BE H	ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT; AND	
$4 \\ 5 \\ 6$	(4) AT THE END OF A TERM, CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED BY THE STATE BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND.			
7	(C)	THE STAT	'E ADMINISTRATOR SHALL:	
8		[(2)] (1)	receive a salary as provided in the State budget;	
9		[(3)] (2)	as provided in the State budget, employ and supervise:	
$10 \\ 11 \\ 12$	(i) a deputy administrator, who shall serve as State Administrato in the event the State Administrator resigns, becomes disabled, or dies, pending th appointment of a successor State Administrator; and			
$\frac{13}{14}$	of the State	(ii) e Board;	pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, other staff	
15		[(4)] (3)	supervise the operations of the local boards;	
$\frac{16}{17}$	law to the S	[(5)] (4) State Admini	perform all duties and exercise all powers that are assigned by strator or delegated by the State Board;	
$18 \\ 19 \\ 20$	single, unif list;	[(6)] (5) form, official,	implement, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration	
$21 \\ 22 \\ 23$			provided the State Board is fully constituted with five duly subject to removal by the affirmative vote of four duly confirmed oard for incompetence, misconduct, or other good cause except that:	
$24 \\ 25 \\ 26$		(i) grounds for to be heard	prior to removal, the State Board shall set forth written charges dismissal and afford the State Administrator notice and an ample ; and	
27 28 29			subsequent to a valid vote for removal by at least four duly he State Board, the State Administrator is authorized to continue or is appointed and confirmed by the Senate of Maryland; and	
30		[(8)] (7)	be the chief State election official.	

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1 [(c)] (D) Before taking office, the appointee to the office of State Administrator 2 shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

4 (a) The term of the State Administrator of Elections appointed in accordance with 5 § 2–103(b)(1) of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall begin on 6 January 1, 2019.

7 (b) Any State Administrator of Elections in office before January 1, 2019, is 8 eligible to apply for and be appointed as State Administrator for the 12-year term that 9 begins on January 1, 2019.

10 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 11 1, 2018.