

**HB0745/413023/1**

BY: Senator Simonaire

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 745  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “center;” insert “requiring the State Board of Elections to study certain trends; requiring that the study include a certain comparison; requiring the State Board to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 19, insert:

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

(a) The State Board of Elections shall study the trends related to early voting in each county during the 2020, 2022, and 2024 general and primary statewide elections.

(b) The study required under subsection (a) of this section shall include, for each county and election, a comparison of:

- (1) the number of early voting centers established;
- (2) the number of registered voters who voted at each early voting center; and
- (3) the total number of registered voters who voted:
  - (i) at an early voting center;
  - (ii) at a polling place; and
  - (iii) by absentee ballot.

(Over)

(c) On or before December 31, 2024, the State Board of Elections shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, of its findings and recommendations, including a recommendation on whether the number of early voting centers should increase, decrease, or remain at the levels established under Section 1 of this Act.”;

in line 20, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 21, after “2021.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 9 months and, at the end of June 30, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.