

HB0862/773526/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 862
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 6, insert:

“BY repealing

Article – Election Law

Section 11–302(d)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”;

in line 9, strike “11–302(d)(4)” and substitute “11–302(d)(5) and (6)”; and after line 11, insert:

“BY adding to

Article – Election Law

Section 11–303.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “(4)” in line 16 down through “ballot.” in line 20; and after line 20, insert:

“~~(5)~~ (4) If the intent of the voter is not clearly demonstrated, the local board shall reject only the vote for that office or question.

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[(6)] (5) If an absentee voter casts a vote for an individual who has ceased to be a candidate, the vote for that candidate may not be counted, but that vote does not invalidate the remainder of the ballot.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 7 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 14, after “application;” insert “**OR**”; strike beginning with “EXCEPT” in line 15 down through “(iv)” in line 17; and after line 19, insert:

“11-303.2.

IF A LOCAL BOARD RECEIVES MORE THAN ONE BALLOT, IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES, FROM THE SAME INDIVIDUAL, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

(1) COUNT THE FIRST BALLOT FROM THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS DETERMINED TO BE LEGALLY SUFFICIENT; AND

(2) REJECT ANY OTHER BALLOT.”.