

**SB0158/443720/1**

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 158  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “**Uniform Statewide Voting Systems – Cost Sharing**” and substitute “**Voting Systems Costs, Polling Places, and Primary Election Date – Requirements**”; in line 9, strike “cost” and substitute “costs”; in line 10, after “statewide” insert “voting”; in the same line, strike “under certain circumstances;” and substitute “; requiring that in certain statewide elections in-person voting on election day be conducted at a certain number of precinct polling places; prohibiting a court from postponing the date of a certain primary election to any date after a certain date;”; strike beginning with “cost” in line 11 down through “systems” in line 12 and substitute “voting systems costs, polling places, and the primary election date”; after line 12 insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Election Law

Section 2–202(b)(3), 2–203, and 9–311(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”;

and in line 20, strike “2–110” and substitute “9–106”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, after line 14, insert:

“2–202.

(b) Each local board, in accordance with the provisions of this article and regulations adopted by the State Board, shall:

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(3) maintain an office and be open for business as provided in this article, and, SUBJECT TO § 9-106 OF THIS ARTICLE, provide the supplies and equipment necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of voter registration and election, including:

- (i) supplies and equipment required by the State Board; and
- (ii) office and polling place equipment expenses;

2-203.

Each county shall appropriate the funds essential for the operations of its local board to enable the local board to pay the reasonable expenses incurred by the local board to exercise the powers and perform the duties prescribed for it by law, including:

- (1) personnel expenses, such as compensation, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance;
- (2) SUBJECT TO § 9-106 OF THIS ARTICLE, polling place operation expenses; and
- (3) SUBJECT TO § 9-106 OF THIS ARTICLE, supplies and equipment required under § 2-202(b)(3) of this subtitle.”;

in line 15, strike “**2-110.**” and substitute “**9-106.**”; strike beginning with “**TITLE**” in line 18 down through “**ARTICLE**” in line 19 and substitute “**THIS TITLE**”; and after line 24, insert:

“9-311.”

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(b) [The] SUBJECT TO § 9-106 OF THIS TITLE, THE governing body of a county shall provide to the local board of the county an amount that is reasonable and necessary to pay for expenses, including the employment of temporary personnel, required for performing the duties required under this subtitle.”.

On page 7, after line 17, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that § 9-106 of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, codifies, and makes no substantive change to, the cost-sharing requirements for the uniform statewide voting systems between the State and county governments as enacted by Section 4 of Chapter 564 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “precinct” has the meaning stated in § 1-101 of the Election Law Article.

(b) In both the 2022 statewide primary election and the 2022 statewide general election, in-person voting on election day shall be conducted at a total number of precinct polling places that is at least equal to the total number of precinct polling places that were open for in-person voting on election day in the 2018 statewide general election.

(c) The total number of precinct polling places required to be open for voting in the 2022 statewide primary election and the 2022 statewide general election under subsection (b) of this section may not be reduced:

(1) by a local board of elections or the State Board of Elections under § 2-303 of the Election Law Article;

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(2) by a circuit court or any other court under § 8–103(b) of the Election Law Article; or

(3) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, by a person acting under authority of any other provision of law.

(d) This section does not limit the authority of the Governor to specify alternate voting locations under § 8–103(a) of the Election Law Article during a declared state of emergency.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a circuit court or any other court acting under authority of § 8–103(b) of the Election Law Article or any other provision of law may not postpone the date of the 2022 statewide primary election to any date after July 12, 2022.”;

and in line 18, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”.