

HB0899/963723/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 899
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “**Elections** –” insert “**Term, Vacancy in Office, and**”; in line 3, after the first “of” insert “establishing the term of office of the State Administrator of Elections; requiring the deputy administrator to serve as State Administrator if there is a vacancy in the office of State Administrator due to certain causes;”; in line 4, strike “of Elections”; in line 6, after “Administrator;” insert “specifying the application of this Act to an individual serving as State Administrator on the effective date of this Act;”; in line 7, strike “removal from office of the”; and in line 10, strike “2-103(b)(7)” and substitute “2-103(b)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

“(1) be appointed by the State Board, with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland, and serve at the pleasure of the State Board;

(2) SERVE A TERM OF 4 YEARS, BEGINNING ON AUGUST 1;

[(2)] (3) receive a salary as provided in the State budget;

[(3)] (4) as provided in the State budget, employ and supervise:

(i) a deputy administrator, who shall serve as State Administrator in the event:

1. the State Administrator [resigns.] becomes disabled[, or dies.]; OR

2. THERE IS A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR DUE TO THE RESIGNATION, DEATH, REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, OR EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, pending the appointment of a successor State Administrator; and

(ii) pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, other staff of the State Board;

[(4)] (5) supervise the operations of the local boards;

[(5)] (6) perform all duties and exercise all powers that are assigned by law to the State Administrator or delegated by the State Board;

[(6)] (7) implement, in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner, a single, uniform, official, centralized, interactive computerized statewide voter registration list;”;

and in line 18, strike “(7)” and substitute “**(8)**”.

On page 2, after line 3, insert:

“[(8)] (9) be the chief State election official.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The first term of the State Administrator of Elections under § 2–103(b) of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall begin August 1, 2023.

(b) An individual serving in the office of State Administrator on June 1, 2023:

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(1) is eligible to be appointed to the office of State Administrator for the term that begins on August 1, 2023, or for any subsequent term of the office; but

(2) may not continue to serve in the office of State Administrator after July 31, 2023, unless the individual serving as State Administrator on June 1, 2023, is appointed by the State Board of Elections for the term of office beginning on August 1, 2023, or for any subsequent term of office.”;

in line 4, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 5, strike “October” and substitute “June”.