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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 379
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after "**Ballot**" insert "**Issuance,**"; in the same line, after "**Processing**" insert a comma; in line 4, after the first "of" insert "requiring that a local board of elections send a ballot to certain voters who have made a request and qualify to vote by absentee ballot not later than a certain number of days before an election;"; in line 6, strike "of elections"; in line 11, after "ballot" insert "issuance,"; in the same line, after "processing" insert a comma; after line 12, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
        Article – Election Law
        Section 9–306(b)
        Annotated Code of Maryland
        (2022 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)";

and in line 15, after "Section" insert "9–306(c),".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 6, insert:

"9–306.

    (b)   If the applicant qualifies to vote by absentee ballot, the local board shall provide the ballot by one of the following methods requested by the voter:

        (1)   mail;

        (2)   facsimile transmission;

(3)   the Internet; or

(4)   by hand during an in–person transaction.

(c)   **(1)**   **[**Once ballots are available, the**]** **N**OT LATER THAN 43 DAYS
BEFORE AN ELECTION, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL SEND A BALLOT TO EACH
VOTER WHO QUALIFIES TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT AND HAS MADE A
REQUEST AT LEAST **60** DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION TO RECEIVE THE BALLOT BY
MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION, OR THE **I**NTERNET.

(2)   **A** local board shall provide **[**the**]** A ballot to a **[**qualified applicant**]**
VOTER WHO QUALIFIES TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT AND MAKES A REQUEST
LESS THAN **60** DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION:

[(1)**]**   **(I)**   as soon as practicable after receipt of the request; or

[(2)**]**   **(II)**   immediately for an in–person transaction with a voter or the
voter's duly authorized agent.";

and in line 22, after "tabulation" insert "**OF VOTES CAST**".

On page 3, in line 28, strike "**(3)**" and substitute "**(4)**".

On page 4, after line 10, insert:

"**(3)**   **A LOCAL BOARD MAY CONDUCT VOTE TALLYING WHEN
ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE PROCESSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS
SUBSECTION.**";

and in line 11, strike "**(3)**" and substitute "**(4)**".