HOUSE BILL 371

G1 HB 642/23 – W&M **EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: Delegate Grossman

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2024

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

)	Election	Law - R	Recounts -	Proced	lures
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- FOR the purpose of requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made; requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter—verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count duplicate ballots in a manual recount after a certain review; and generally relating to recount procedures.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 9 Article Election Law
- 10 Section 9–102(a)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 13 BY adding to
- 14 Article Election Law
- 15 Section 12–108
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 Article – Election Law

- 21 9–102.
- 22 (a) In this section, a "voter-verifiable paper record" includes:
- 23 (1) a paper ballot prepared by the voter for the purpose of being read by a 24 precinct—based optical scanner;

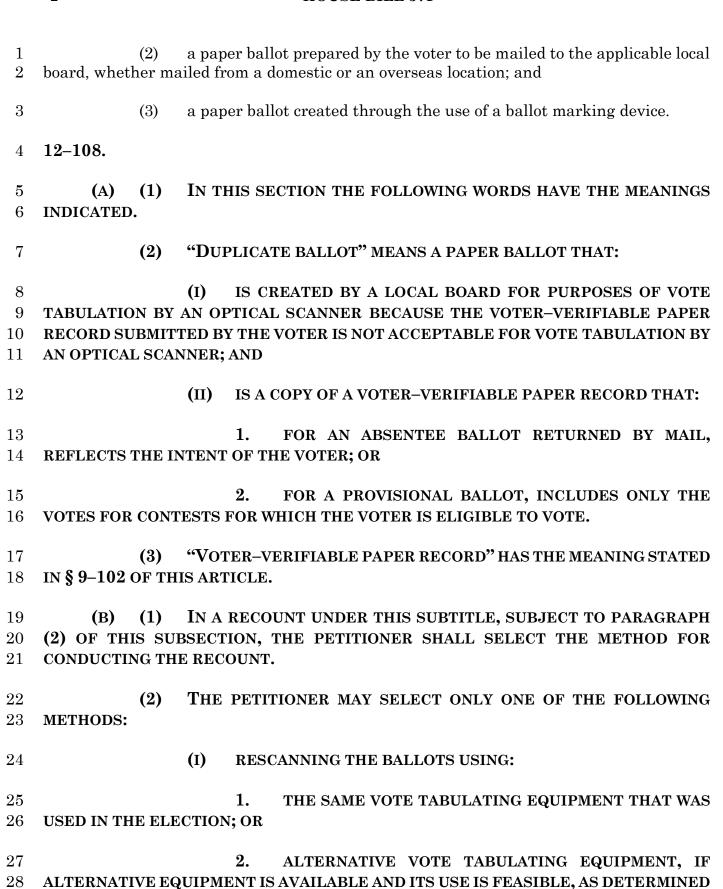
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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BY THE STATE BOARD:



1		(II)	\mathbf{A}	MANUAL	RECOUNT	\mathbf{OF}	VOTER-VERIFI	ABLE	PAPER
2	RECORDS; OR								
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4	ADMINISTRATOR.								

- 5 (C) A LOCAL BOARD SHALL:
- 6 (1) PRESERVE THE VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD 7 CORRESPONDING TO EACH DUPLICATE BALLOT THAT IS CREATED;
- 8 (2) STORE EACH DUPLICATE BALLOT THAT IS CREATED TOGETHER 9 WITH THE CORRESPONDING VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD; AND
- 10 (3) IN A MANUAL RECOUNT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, COUNT THE 11 DUPLICATE BALLOT AFTER REVIEW OF THE VOTER-VERIFIABLE PAPER RECORD.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three—fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.