

**SB0615/603726/1**

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 615  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 17, strike “and 7–105” and substitute “7–105, and 9–207”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 19, after “(5)” insert “**(I)**”; after line 21, insert:

**“(II) ON OR BEFORE THE FOURTH DAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE PERSON REQUIRED TO PREPARE A QUESTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1), (2), (3), OR (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

**1. REVIEW THE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE QUESTION; AND**

**2. SUBMIT THE CERTIFIED PLAIN TEXT OF THE QUESTION TO THE STATE BOARD FOR PUBLICATION ON ITS WEBSITE UNDER § 9–207 OF THIS ARTICLE.”;**

and strike in their entirety lines 25 and 26.

On page 6, in line 29, strike “**65**” and substitute “**90**”.

On page 7, after line 20, insert:

“9–207.”

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(a) The State Board shall certify and publicly display the content and arrangement of each ballot:

(1) for a primary election, at least 64 days before the election;

(2) for a general election, at least 64 days before the election;

(3) for a special primary election, at least 55 days before the election;

and

(4) for a special general election, not later than a date specified in the Governor's proclamation.

(b) The Supreme Court of Maryland, on petition of the State Board, may establish a later date in extraordinary circumstances.

(c) The State Board shall publicly display the content and arrangement of each certified ballot on its website.

(d) Except pursuant to a court order under § 9–209 of this subtitle, or as provided in § 9–208 of this subtitle, the content and arrangement of the ballot may not be modified after the second day of the public display.

(e) Unless a delay is required by court order, the State Board may begin to print the ballots after certification and 3 days of public display and correct any noted errors.

**(F) THE CERTIFICATION OF A BALLOT UNDER THIS SECTION THAT INCLUDES A QUESTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO BE A CERTIFICATION OF THE BALLOT LANGUAGE REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT UNDER § 7–103 OF THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE PLAIN LANGUAGE CONDENSED STATEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 7–103(B)(4) OF THIS ARTICLE.”**