

Honorable Delegates

Please vote against SB0417.

This bill appears to be a basic admin bill, but given the disagreements the local boards are having with the State Board regarding compliance with Federal Law (NVRA), having the State Board Administrator (SBA) review the local Director for compliance with State law and confer whenever the local board wants to hire a new Director, it seems like the State Board is trying to squash any future dissent by the local Boards. Also, there is no fiscal report showing how the State Administrator is going to handle 24 new performance reviews in addition to existing duties.

Section 2-103(c) was added, which would allow the State Administrator (SA) to seek input from local board of election staff and board members if the SA so chooses. This addition does not change my unfavorable recommendation.

I could be persuaded to change my recommendation to a favorable with amendment, but that would require deleting everything except the proposed additions to section 2-206.

Please vote against SB0417.

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