

HB0535/853821/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 535
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Ballots –**” and substitute “**Ballot**”; in the same line, after “**Procedures**” insert “**and 2024 Primary Date**”; in line 11, after “vote;” insert “altering, in a certain year, the date of the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City;”; and in line 12, after “procedures” insert “and primary election dates”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 15, after the second “the” insert “**VOTE**”.

On page 4, in line 16, after “**THAN**” insert “:

(I);

in line 17, strike “**THE**” and substitute “**AN**”; and in the same line, after “**BALLOT**” insert “**PROVIDED BY MAIL; OR**

(II) 4 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROVIDED THROUGH THE INTERNET OR BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION”.

On page 5, in line 3, after “**(4)**” insert “**(I)**”; in line 5, strike “**CLOSE**” and substitute “**OPEN**”; and after line 5, insert:

“(II) A LOCAL BOARD MAY NOT RELEASE ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTE TOTALS BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE ON ELECTION DAY.”.

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On page 8, after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 8–201 of the Election Law Article, in 2024, the statewide primary election and the primary election for municipal offices in Baltimore City shall be held on the second Tuesday in May.”;

and in line 26, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.