

HB0035/743425/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 35
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "**Election Law – Voting Systems Costs and Polling Places – Requirements**"; strike beginning with "establishing" in line 3 down through "invoices" in line 8 and substitute "codifying a requirement that a county pay its share of a certain percentage of the State's costs to acquire and operate the uniform statewide voting systems; requiring that in certain statewide elections in-person voting on Election Day be conducted at a certain number of precinct polling places; and generally relating to voting systems costs and polling places"; in line 11, strike "2-102,"; in line 16, strike "2-103.1, 2-110, and 2-111" and substitute "9-106".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 14 on page 5.

On page 5, in lines 19, 29, and 31, in each instance, strike "**§ 2-111 OF THIS TITLE**" and substitute "**§ 9-106 OF THIS ARTICLE**"; and after line 32, insert:

9-106.

(A) EACH COUNTY SHALL PAY FOR ITS SHARE OF 50% OF THE STATE'S COST OF ACQUIRING AND OPERATING THE UNIFORM STATEWIDE VOTING SYSTEMS FOR VOTING IN POLLING PLACES AND FOR ABSENTEE VOTING PROVIDED FOR IN THIS TITLE, INCLUDING THE COST OF MAINTENANCE,

STORAGE, PRINTING OF BALLOTS, TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND PROGRAMMING,
RELATED SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, AND SOFTWARE LICENSING FEES.

(B) A COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND OPERATING
THE UNIFORM STATEWIDE VOTING SYSTEMS SHALL BE BASED ON THE COUNTY'S
VOTING AGE POPULATION."

On page 6, in line 2, strike "§ 2-111 OF THIS ARTICLE" and substitute "§ 9-106
OF THIS TITLE"; after line 31, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
General Assembly that § 9-106 of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 1 of
this Act, codifies, and makes no substantive change to, the cost-sharing requirements
for the uniform statewide voting systems between the State and county governments as
enacted by Section 4 of Chapter 564 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, "precinct" has the meaning stated in § 1-101 of the Election
Law Article.

(b) In both the 2022 statewide primary election and the 2022 statewide
general election, in-person voting on Election Day shall be conducted at a total number
of precinct polling places that is at least equal to the total number of precinct polling
places that were open for in-person voting on Election Day in the 2018 statewide
general election.

(c) The total number of precinct polling places required to be open for voting
in the 2022 statewide primary election and the 2022 statewide general election under
subsection (b) of this section may not be reduced:

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(1) by a local board of elections or the State Board of Elections under § 2–303 of the Election Law Article;

(2) by a circuit court or any other court under § 8–103(b) of the Election Law Article; or

(3) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, by a person acting under authority of any other provision of law.

(d) This section does not limit the authority of the Governor to specify alternate voting locations under § 8–103(a) of the Election Law Article during a declared state of emergency.”;

and in line 32, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.