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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 15

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Ferguson” and substitute “Ferguson, and Reilly”; in line 2, after “Law – ” insert “Statewide”; in the same line, strike “Reports” and substitute “Removal”; and strike beginning with “arrange” in line 3 down through “of” in line 9 and substitute “make arrangements with the Social Security Administration or a certain entity to receive reports of certain individuals who are reported deceased; requiring an election director to mail a certain notice on receipt of a certain report that a registered voter is deceased; requiring an election director to take certain actions if the election director receives a certain response to the notice; requiring an election director to remove a registered voter who is reported deceased from the statewide voter registration list if the election director does not receive a certain response to the notice; and generally relating to the removal of deceased voters from”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

**“(3) THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OR AN ENTITY THAT RECEIVES INFORMATION FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AND IS APPROVED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES, IF AVAILABLE, OF ALL MARYLAND RESIDENTS AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE REPORTED DECEASED.”;**

in line 25, after “(1)” insert “**(I)**”; in the same line, strike “Whenever” and substitute “**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHENEVER**”; in line 29, strike “(2)” and substitute “**(II)**”; in line 30, strike “paragraph (1) of this

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subsection” and substitute “SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH”; after line 32, insert:

“(2) (I) WHENEVER A LOCAL BOARD RECEIVES A REPORT OBTAINED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION THAT INCLUDES A REGISTERED VOTER, THE ELECTION DIRECTOR SHALL MAIL TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST, BY REGULAR U.S. MAIL, A NOTICE THAT:

1. STATES THAT THE REGISTERED VOTER HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE DIED; AND

2. NOTIFIES THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A PERSON ATTENDING THE AFFAIRS OF A DECEASED VOTER THAT THE VOTER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST UNLESS, WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE DATE OF THE LETTER, THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A REPRESENTATIVE:

A. OBJECTS TO THE REMOVAL; AND

B. SHOWS CAUSE WHY THE REMOVAL SHOULD NOT PROCEED.

(II) IF THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A REPRESENTATIVE TIMELY OBJECTS AND SHOWS CAUSE WHY THE REMOVAL SHOULD NOT PROCEED, THE ELECTION DIRECTOR MAY:

1. TERMINATE THE REMOVAL PROCESS AND RETAIN THE REGISTERED VOTER ON THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST; OR

**2. REFER THE MATTER TO THE LOCAL BOARD FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE REGISTERED VOTER'S STATUS.**

**(III) IF THE REGISTERED VOTER OR A REPRESENTATIVE FAILS TO TIMELY OBJECT AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE REMOVAL SHOULD NOT PROCEED, THE REGISTRATION SHALL BE CANCELED AND THE REGISTERED VOTER REMOVED FROM THE STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST.**;

and in line 34, strike "July" and substitute "June".