

(1) BEGINS 30 DAYS BEFORE THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION BEFORE AN ELECTION; AND

(2) ENDS AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Administrator of Elections and the Office of the Attorney General shall:

(1) review the efficacy of, and any legal impediments to, implementing a system of election day voter registration that would allow eligible unregistered voters, commencing with the 2008 primary election, to register and then vote on election day;

(2) (i) consult with local election officials in Maryland to ascertain the impact and assess any administrative challenges associated with implementing a statewide system of election day voter registration in this State; and

(ii) query election officials in any other states around the country that have implemented statewide election day voter registration about their experiences with such a system;

(3) note any legal impediments to implementing a statewide system of election day voter registration and identify any changes to State statutory or constitutional law that would be required to implement such a system;

(4) estimate the additional cost to the State and to the counties to implement a system of election day voter registration; and

(5) on or before December 31, 2006, submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall allocate the resources required to implement the requirements of this Act, including any gift received by the State for the purposes of this Act under § 2-201 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, and except for federal funds received by the State to implement the requirements of the Help America Vote Act of 2002, any federal or other special funds or grant received by the State in accordance with federal and State law for the purposes of this Act.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in fiscal year 2008, the Governor shall appropriate sufficient funds to reimburse each county at a rate of 50% of the total expenditures made during fiscal year 2007 to implement early voting, including expenditures made for the purchase of electronic poll books.~~

~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the regulations required to be adopted by a local board of elections under § 2-202.1(a) of the Election Law Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, must be submitted to, reviewed by, and approved by the State Administrator of Elections before the local board:~~

~~(1) denies any application for registration on or after the effective date of this Act; or~~