

CHAPTER 4

(Senate Bill 444)

AN ACT concerning

Elections - State Elections Office and State Elections Advisory Committee Board of Elections - Membership Appointment Process and Authority over the State Administrator

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a State Elections Office and State Elections Advisory Committee to provide guidance and recommendations to the State Administrator of Elections on certain election matters; providing for the membership, appointment, powers, and duties of the Committee; establishing a State Administrator Appointment and Removal Commission; specifying the membership, powers, and duties of the Commission; altering the process for the appointment and removal of the State Administrator; altering the powers and duties of the State Administrator; abolishing the State Board of Elections; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the establishment of the State Elections Advisory Committee and the governance of State elections~~ altering the appointment process for the members of the State Board of Elections; requiring the Governor to appoint to the State Board an individual whose name is submitted by the State Central Committee of a certain principal political party; providing that the appointment of the State Administrator of Elections by the State Board is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland; clarifying the authority of the State Board to remove the State Administrator; providing that the deputy administrator shall serve as the State Administrator for a certain period under certain circumstances; providing that the State Administrator is authorized to continue to serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed by the Senate of Maryland under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the appointment of the members of the State Board of Elections and the authority of the State Board over the State Administrator.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~Article - Election Law~~~~Section 2-101, 2-103, and 2-107 to be under the amended title "Title 2. State Elections Office, State Elections Advisory Committee, and Local Boards of Election" and the amended subtitle "Subtitle 1. State Elections Office and State Elections Advisory Committee"~~~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~~~(2003 Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Election Law

~~Section 2-102~~ 2-101 and 2-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

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