

~~(II) PROVIDE THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WRITTEN CHARGES; AND~~

~~(III) AFFORD THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE AND AN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.~~

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~~(a) (1) There is a Maryland Election Modernization Fund.~~

~~(2) The Fund is established as a continuing fund for programs relating to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and related expenditures.~~

~~(3) The Fund is a special, continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.~~

~~(4) The Treasurer shall separately hold and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.~~

~~(5) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.~~

~~(6) Any investment earnings shall be retained to the credit of the Fund.~~

~~(b) The Fund consists of:~~

~~(1) moneys appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;~~

~~(2) moneys otherwise appropriated for the purposes of the Fund, which may be transferred to the Fund by an approved budget amendment; and~~

~~(3) moneys received by the State from the federal government under the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or under other federal programs for similar purposes.~~

~~(c) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with an appropriation for:~~

~~(1) complying with requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002;~~

~~(2) improving the administration of elections for federal office;~~

~~(3) educating voters regarding voting procedures, voting rights, and voting technology;~~

~~(4) training election officials, poll workers, and election volunteers;~~

~~(5) developing the State plan required by the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002;~~

~~(6) improving, acquiring, leasing, modifying, or replacing voting systems and technology and methods for casting and counting votes;~~