

(2) The ordinance shall provide criteria for the eligibility of voters for purposes of the election required by this subsection.

(3) The ordinance shall provide procedures for a special election as required in this subsection, which may be administered by write-in ballots.

Chapter 732 of the Acts of 1994

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1994. It shall remain effective for a period of [3] ~~7~~ years and, at the end of May 31, [1997] ~~2001~~ 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 656

(House Bill 279)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance Professionals – Certificate of Qualification – Issuance, Expiration, Renewal, Reinstatement, and Conditions

FOR the purpose of providing that certificates of qualification for agents and brokers expire at a time certain unless a proper renewal is made; clarifying the procedure for renewal of certificates of authority for agents and brokers; clarifying the continuing education requirements for agents and brokers; clarifying that satisfaction of the continuing education requirements is a requirement for the renewal of an agent's or broker's certificate of qualification; prohibiting an insurer from prohibiting one of its agents from obtaining continuing education credits under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions to the continuing education requirements; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to review and approve certain continuing education courses; requiring the Commissioner to appoint a Property and Casualty Insurance Advisory Board and a Life and Health Insurance Advisory Board to assist the Commissioner and repealing certain obsolete advisory boards; clarifying the effect of the expiration of a certificate of qualification or registration that has expired; providing a procedure for reinstatement of an expired certificate of qualification or registration within a certain time period; providing for a certain fee; clarifying the effect of failure to reinstate an expired certificate of qualification or registration; modifying the power of the Commissioner to require examinations of agents or brokers whose certificates of qualification have been terminated or suspended; changing the dates and clarifying the conditions for renewal of licenses for public adjusters, insurance advisers, surplus lines brokers, and third party administrators to correspond to the dates and conditions of renewal for agents and brokers; providing for a certain