

CHAPTER 197

(House Bill 1061)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Election Modernization Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing a special, continuing, nonlapsing fund for the purpose of upgrading election equipment and related purposes; specifying the sources and uses of the fund; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Election Modernization Fund.

BY adding to

- Article – Election Law
- Section 2–107
- Annotated Code of Maryland
- (2003 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Election Law

2–107.

(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