

(ii) In the case of an office not voted on by the voters of the entire State, not less than 3% of the registered voters who are eligible to vote] for the office for which the nomination by petition is sought, EXCEPT THAT THE PETITIONS SHALL BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST 250 REGISTERED VOTERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR THE OFFICE.

(2) The petitions shall be filed as required in Title 6 of this article.

(3) The number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) of this section shall be determined as of the deadline for changing party affiliation before the primary election for which the nomination is sought.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

Approved May 21, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 588

(Senate Bill 136)

AN ACT concerning

**Advisory Panel on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits Mandated Health Insurance Benefits Services Evaluation**

~~FOR the purpose of establishing the Advisory Panel on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits; specifying the membership and duties of the Advisory Panel; requiring the Advisory Panel to conduct a certain review of all mandated health insurance benefits; requiring the Advisory Panel to submit a certain report to certain persons; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; repealing certain provisions of law related to the establishment and duties of the Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits; and generally relating to establishing an Advisory Panel on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits.~~

FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Care Access and Cost Commission to conduct a certain review of mandated health insurance benefits services; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to certain persons; requiring the Commission to review and evaluate certain proposals under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to conduct an initial evaluation of the cost of mandated health insurance benefits services and make a certain report to the General Assembly; providing for the construction of this Act; defining certain terms; repealing certain provisions of law related to the establishment and duties of the Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits; and generally relating to the review of mandated health insurance benefits services by the Health Care Access and Cost Commission.

BY repealing