

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 438
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “request;” insert “providing that a municipality is not required to file a certain request under certain circumstances;”; and in line 10, after “Board” insert “, after consultation with a certain local board of elections.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 3, inclusive; and in line 17, strike “GUARD AGAINST” and substitute “PREVENT”.

On page 5, in line 5, after “(C)” insert “(1)”; strike beginning with “SUBSECTION” in line 5 down through “SECTION” in line 6 and substitute “THIS SECTION”; in lines 7 and 11, strike “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively; in lines 17, 18, 19, and 20, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, and “(IV)”, respectively, and substitute “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively; after line 20, insert:

“(2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF THE STATE BOARD PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED A MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON THE BALLOT, THAT MUNICIPALITY’S ELECTIONS MAY CONTINUE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT WITHOUT THE MUNICIPALITY FILING AN ADDITIONAL REQUEST UNDER THIS SECTION.

“(II) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL FILE A REQUEST UNDER THIS SECTION IF, SINCE THE MUNICIPALITY’S ELECTION LAST APPEARED ON THE BALLOT, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE METHOD THE MUNICIPALITY USES TO CONDUCT ITS ELECTIONS.

(Over)

(3) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A MUNICIPALITY'S REQUEST UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL BOARD IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED, SHALL NOTIFY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITS DECISION WHETHER TO INCLUDE THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON THE BALLOT.;

strike beginning with “**(1)**” in line 21 down through “**TO**” in line 26 and substitute “**IF THE STATE BOARD APPROVES A MUNICIPALITY'S REQUEST UNDER THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL**”; and in lines 27 and 29, strike “**(I)**” and “**(II)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(1)**” and “**(2)**”, respectively.

On page 6, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 4, inclusive; and in line 10, strike “**October**” and substitute “**July**”.