

**NICOLE POORE**  
*Majority Whip*  
STATE SENATOR  
12<sup>th</sup> District



**SENATE**  
STATE OF DELAWARE  
411 LEGISLATIVE AVENUE  
DOVER, DELAWARE 19901

## Senate Elections & Government Affairs Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
Senate Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Legislative Hall

**Committee Members Present:**

Senator Nicole Poore, Chair  
Senator Anthony DelCollo  
Senator Bryant Richardson

**Attendees:**

Robert Maxwell, Lobbyist  
Elaine Manlove, Commissioner of Elections  
Sandy Spence, League of Women Voters  
Jennifer Hill, Common Cause  
John Flaherty, Delaware Coalition For Open Government

Senator Poore convened the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**House Bill 135 - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.**

Original Synopsis:

This bill eliminates the "10-day hold" before registering a voter who is eligible to vote. This bill also allows the Department in lieu of the Board to remove voters who no longer reside in Delaware.

Senator Poore asked for comments on the bill. Elaine Manlove provided comments.

HB 135 was circulated for signatures.

**House Bill 136 w/HA 1 - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.**

Original Synopsis:

This bill imposes a filing fee on write-in candidates of \$1,000.00 for federal office and \$100.00 for statewide or local office and changes the deadline for write-in candidates to file their declaration and filing fee from September 30 to September 1.

Senator Poore asked for comments on the bill. Elaine Manlove provided an overview of the legislation. Senator Bushweller and Senator DelCollo offered comments on the bill.

### **House Bill 137 - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS**

Original Synopsis:

This bill eliminates the conflict between Section 2047, which requires a voter to vote at the polling place where he or she currently resides, and Section 4941, which enables a voter to vote where he or she formerly resided.

Senator Poore asked for comments on the bill. Elaine Manlove provided an overview of the legislation. Senator McBride noted the bill came from Elections and is clean up legislation.

HB 137 was circulated for signatures.

### **House Bill 138 w/HA1 - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS.**

Original Synopsis:

This bill replaces the National Change of Address process with another non-discriminatory process of cancelling the registrations of persons who are no longer permanent residents of Delaware. It also gives the Department of Elections, instead of the State Board of Elections, the authority to cancel registrations of persons who authorize the cancellation of their registrations because they are no longer permanent residents of Delaware.

Senator Poore asked for comments on the bill. Elaine Manlove provided an overview of the legislation noting it is a best practices bill. Two public attendees commented on the bill: Sandy Spence and Jennifer Hill, both support the legislation.

HB 138 w/HA 1 was circulated for signatures.

### **Senate Bill 119 - AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS**

Original Synopsis:

This bill would prohibit a person, who was adjudicated a delinquent for a crime that would otherwise be a felony if the person was not a minor, from being a qualified voter for a period of 10 years

Senator DelCollo opposed the bill citing that voting is a fundamental civil liberty.

Senator Poore and Senator Bushweller offered comments on the bill. Elaine Manlove stated that there are technical issues with the bill. Sandy Spence, Jennifer Hill, Lisa Minutola, Nancy Willing and John Flaherty all opposed the bill.

Senator Poore adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.