

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 163 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental - State Board of Elections)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Election Law - Voter Registration Application Deadline**

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This departmental bill provides that an application for voter registration is timely received if it is postmarked by the registration deadline, regardless of the date it is received by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL) or a local elections board.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Although the number of applications which meet the deadline could increase, this would not directly affect SABEL's budget.

**Local Effect:** None. Although the number of applications which meet the deadline could increase, this would not directly affect the local elections boards' finances.

**Small Business Effect:** The State Administrative Board of Election Laws has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small businesses (attached). Fiscal Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Information Source(s):** State Administrative Board of Election Laws, Department of Fiscal Services

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