

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 567 (Delegate Pitkin. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Election Laws - State Officeholders - Convening of General Assembly Session -
Report of Contributions and Expenditures**

This bill requires the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and members and members-elect of the General Assembly, and their political committees, to file a campaign finance report no later than the third Monday after the convening of a regular session of the General Assembly. The report will cover the period from the last reporting deadline through the start of the legislative session. The bill also alters the four-year election cycle to coincide with the beginning and end of a four-year term of office. Under current law the four-year election cycle begins January 1 after a general election and ends December 31 four years later.

The bill is effective January 8, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any costs associated with accepting additional campaign finance reports could be handled with existing resources of the State Board of Elections. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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