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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 577 (Delegate Murphy, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Election Laws - Presidential Electors

This bill alters the at-large method of nominating a presidential elector to one based on congressional districts. Two electors would remain at-large. The bill also changes how electors vote for president and vice-president by requiring them to vote for the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast in an elector's congressional district. At large electors must cast their ballots for the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes cast statewide.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: All presidential electors in Maryland are elected by their respective political parties on an at-large basis. Presidential electors are required to vote for the presidential and vice-presidential candidate receiving a plurality of votes across the state.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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