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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 119 (St. Mary's County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

**St. Mary's County - Construction and Improvement of Roads and Drainage -
Petition by Property Owners**

This bill increases from a majority to two-thirds of property owners needed to approve a petition to the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for road and drainage improvements on or along private roads in St. Mary's County. In addition, the bill requires that at least two-thirds of the property owners have a fee simple interest in the affected right-of-way. The bill also increases from a majority to two-thirds of property owners needed to approve a petition to the county commissioners to construct and install sidewalks.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Altering the percentage of property owners needed to petition the county commissioners for certain public works improvements would not directly affect St. Mary's County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County may construct and improve roads and drainage incidents on or along side private roads after the approval of a petition of a majority of property owners who will benefit from the improvements. In

addition, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County may construct and install sidewalks after receipt of a petition signed by a majority of the property owners affected.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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