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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 569 (Delegates Rose and Shoemaker)  
Ways and Means

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**Election Law - Local Board Employees - Repeal of Voter Registration Requirement**

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This bill repeals a requirement that each classified employee of a local board of elections be a registered voter of the State.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill does not directly affect local government finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Each classified employee of a local board of elections must be a registered voter of the State.

With the exception of the election director in Prince George's County, who must be in the exempt service under the Prince George's County Personnel System, if the employees of a local board of elections are covered by its county merit system, (1) the employees must be classified employees under the county merit system and (2) the employees may be appointed and removed subject to the personnel regulations of the county in which the local board is located. If the employees of a local board of elections are not covered by its county merit system, (1) the employees must be in the skilled service or professional service of the State Personnel Management System; (2) appointment and removal of the employees must be in accordance with provisions of State law that govern skilled service or

professional service employees; and (3) upon recommendation of the State Administrator, the State Board of Elections must determine the fixed rate of compensation of the employees.

These provisions do not apply to local board counsel or election judges, and do not alter in any manner the method by which the salary of an employee of a local board of elections is funded by the applicable county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections; Anne Arundel, Garrett, and Montgomery counties; Department of Legislative Services

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