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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 1469  
Ways and Means

(Delegate Hornberger, *et al.*)

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Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, Delegates, Attorney General, and  
Comptroller - Age Limits

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This proposed constitutional amendment establishes specified age limits for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, and senator or delegate. A person is ineligible for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or senator or delegate if he or she is age 90 or older. A person is ineligible for the office of the Attorney General or Comptroller if he or she is (1) younger than age 30 or (2) age 90 or older.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** No material effect on State pension liabilities or contribution rates. Revenues are not affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The Maryland Constitution does not establish maximum age limits for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, or senator or delegate. The Constitution does, however, establish other eligibility requirements for specified offices. To be eligible for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, a person must be age 30 or older and have been a resident and registered voter of the State for five years immediately preceding election. A person is eligible to serve as a senator or delegate if the person is (1) at least age 25 or 21, respectively; (2) is a citizen of the State;

(3) has resided in the State for at least one year preceding election; and (4) has resided in the district to which he or she has been elected to represent for six months preceding election or as long as the district has been established, as specified. To be eligible for the office of Attorney General, a person must be a citizen of and qualified voter in the State and have resided in and practiced law in the State for at least 10 years.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office; Governor's Office; Maryland State's Attorneys' Association; Department of Legislative Services

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