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House Bill 4

(Carroll County Delegation)

Rules and Executive Nominations

Reapportionment and Redistricting

Carroll County - County Commissioner Districts - Redistricting Plan

This emergency bill adjusts the boundaries of the five commissioner districts from which five members of the Board of Commissioners for Carroll County are elected.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County expenditures may increase in FY 2022, as discussed below. Local revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The boundaries of local electoral districts must be redrawn every 10 years following the decennial census to adjust for population changes. The Board of Commissioners for Carroll County consists of five commissioners elected from five commissioner districts.

Chapters 66 and 67 of 2010 require that population counts used to create legislative districts used to elect local governing bodies of counties and municipalities in the State exclude individuals incarcerated in State or federal correctional facilities, as determined by the decennial census, who were not State residents prior to their incarceration. Individuals incarcerated in State or federal correctional facilities who were residents of the State prior to their incarceration must be counted at their last known residence.

Local Expenditures: Because redistricting is a planned event that occurs every 10 years, it is generally assumed that the implementation of new district plans is anticipated in the fiscal 2022 budgets of local boards of elections. However, this is only the second time that Carroll County is redrawing commissioner districts, and the county advises that the commissioner district plan may require the creation of new precincts and as many as 18 new polling places for which sufficient funding is not currently budgeted. A reliable estimate of the number of possible new locations is not feasible because precinct boundaries are affected by congressional and State legislative redistricting plans, which have not yet been approved. To the extent that additional precincts are needed as a result of the plan, Carroll County expenditures may increase in fiscal 2022, but a more precise estimate cannot be reliably calculated.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 4 (Carroll County Senators) - Reapportionment and Redistricting.

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