

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 50 (Delegate Leopold, et al.)

Commerce & Government Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Election Laws - Judges of Election - Declines

This enrolled bill authorizes a local elections board to appoint as election judges a certain number of registered voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party if the board cannot find a judge(s) from the majority party or principal minority party. If the total number of judges in a precinct is eight or more, the number of “declines” may not exceed the lesser of the number of judges who belong to the majority party or principal minority party. A local elections board may not appoint a “decline” to serve as a chief judge. Further, the bill requires the appointment of a person who declined to affiliate with a party if an election judge, who is also a decline, is absent from the polls.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Authorizing local elections boards to appoint “declines” to serve as election judges would not directly affect county finances.

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