

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 430 (Delegate Curran) (Task Force to Review the State's Election Law)
Commerce and Government Matters

**State Government - Attorney General - Legal Adviser of and Representation to the
Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City**

This bill repeals the authority of the Attorney General to serve as the legal adviser of and to provide representation to the Baltimore City Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The Attorney General's office currently assigns one attorney to provide legal counsel to the Baltimore City elections board. This responsibility encompasses only a small percentage of the attorney's workload. Repealing the authority to serve as counsel would allow the attorney to be reassigned to other duties.

Local Effect: None, as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Baltimore City estimates that expenditures could increase by an indeterminate significant amount due to the costs associated with providing legal counsel to the elections board. Fiscal Services, however, believes that Baltimore City could provide legal counsel with existing resources.

Information Source(s): State Administrative Board of Election Laws, Office of the

Attorney General, Baltimore City, Department of Fiscal Services

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