

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 330 (Senator Pinsky, et al.)

Economic & Environmental Affairs

Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

Elections - Nomination of Candidates - Petition Signature Requirements

This amended bill changes the number of signatures of registered voters required to nominate candidates by petition from at least 3% of the registered voters to at least 1% of the registered voters, or 20,000 registered voters, whichever is less.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any increase in the number of candidates filing for election could be handled with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws' existing resources. Any new filing fees are assumed to be negligible.

Local Effect: None. Any increase in the number of signatures needing verification could be handled with local elections boards' existing resources. Similarly, any costs associated with an increase in the number of candidates' names placed on ballots could be handled with existing resources.

Information Source(s): State Administrative Board of Election Laws, Department of Fiscal Services

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