

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 420 (Senator Craig)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

General Assembly - Filling of Vacancy by Special Election

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment regarding the filling of vacancies in the House of Delegates or the Senate. A vacancy occurring at least seven days before the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy for the election of representatives for Congress, which is held in the second year of the term for members of the General Assembly, must be filled, for the balance of the term, at a special election to be held at the next statewide election at which representatives of Congress are elected.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal effect on general fund expenditures. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Maryland Constitution requires proposed amendments to the Constitution be publicized in at least two newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least three newspapers in Baltimore City once a week for four weeks immediately preceding a general election. The costs associated with these requirements are borne by the State. Any additional expenditures would be minimal and could be absorbed within the State Administrative Board of Election Laws' budget.

Local Expenditures: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters at the 1996 general election. It should not require additional costs for the county election boards to administer the election.

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

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