

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 212 (Delegate Eckardt)
Commerce and Government Matters

House of Delegates - Resident Delegates

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment which provides that, in legislative districts containing all or parts of more than three counties in which delegates are elected at large, none of the delegates shall reside in the same county. Further, if a county does not have a delegate after a general election, the candidate from that county, if any, who received the greatest number of votes shall serve as an additional delegate, irrespective of voting district.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential general fund expenditure increase of \$37,500 in FY 1999 and \$75,000 in FY 2000. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Depending on the outcome of the 1999 elections, the House of Delegates may increase in size to accommodate a county left without a delegate (the current composition of the House would require one more delegate). An additional delegate would result in the following general fund costs:

Salary	\$29,700
Benefits	8,900
In-district Allowance	400
Expense Reimbursement	6,000

District Office Account	17,000
Staff Assistance	7,500
Equipment	2,500
Operating Expenses	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$75,000

Half of this amount would be required in fiscal 1999, and the full amount in fiscal 2000 and through the term.

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