

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 292 (Delegate Bobo, et al.)
(Task Force on Dual Office Holding)
Commerce and Government Matters

Dual Office Holding - Exceptions

This bill removes the constitutional restriction prohibiting a Governor, Senator, Member of the House of Delegates, or a Judge from receiving compensation from any other civil office during the official's term. In addition, the bill provides that a person holding a civil office may be eligible for the office of Senator or Delegate.

If approved by the General Assembly, this proposed amendment to the Constitution must be submitted to the voters of the State.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None, as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters at the 1996 general election. The Maryland Constitution provides that bills proposing amendments to the Constitution must be publicized in at least two newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least three newspapers in Baltimore City. These public notices must appear once every week for a period of four weeks immediately preceding a general election. Although costs associated with this requirement are borne by the State, any expense should be minimal and could be absorbed within the existing budget of the State Board of Election Laws.

Local Expenditures: The county election boards should not incur additional expenses to

administer the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution.

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