

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 483 (Senator Craig)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City Election Board - Legal Representation

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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