

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 654 (Delegate Getty)
Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Identification of Voters

This bill changes the requirements regarding the identification of voters at the polling places. Under the bill, a registered voter must present to an election judge a driver's license, an identification card issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration, a voter identification card, or any other form of identification issued by a governmental entity that contains the voter's name, address, and date of birth. If a voter does not have the required form of identification, an election judge must ask the voter to state his or her current address and month of birth. After the confirmation of the voter's identification, the voter must sign the voter authority card.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Local elections boards could perform the new identification procedures with existing resources. Accordingly, county finances would not be directly affected.

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