

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 734 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Prince George's County Board of Education - Election of Members - Replacement of
Candidates on Ballots
PG 404-96**

This bill requires the Prince George's County Board of Elections to replace the name of a school board candidate who dies or withdraws the candidacy between the primary election and 70 days prior to the general election with the name of the candidate who received the next highest number of votes in the primary election. If a contested primary election was not held, however, the local elections board must reopen the filing process to allow other individuals to file as candidates. The board may not add additional candidates to the general election ballot within 70 days of the general election.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Prince George's County revenues and expenditures in a school board election year.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Prince George's County revenues would increase if a significant number of school board candidates filed their candidacies for an opening on the general election ballot. While the filing fees increase cannot be determined beforehand, the revenue increase would be minimal.

Local Expenditures: County expenditures would increase if the Prince George's County Board of Elections reopens the filing process and a significant number of individuals file as candidates due to additional ballot preparation costs. While the number of new candidates

cannot be determined beforehand, the expenditure increase would be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

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