

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 524 (Senator Green) (Chairman, Prince George's County Delegation)
Economic & Environmental Affairs Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

Charter Counties - Vacancies - Special Elections

This enrolled bill proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize a charter county, as authorized by statute, to enact local legislation permitting the conduct of a special election to fill a vacancy in the county council. The charter counties are Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Talbot, and Wicomico counties.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Maryland Constitution requires that proposed amendments to the Constitution be publicized in at least two newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least three newspapers in Baltimore City once a week for four weeks immediately preceding a general election. The costs associated with these requirements are borne by the State. Any additional expenditures would be minimal and could be absorbed within the State Administrative Board of Election Laws' budget.

Local Expenditures: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters at the 1996 general election. It should not require additional costs for the county election boards to administer the election.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel and Talbot counties; Department of Fiscal Services

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