

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 906 (Delegate Preis, et al.)
Commerce and Government Matters

Harford County - County Council - Election

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to eliminate the requirement that the Harford County Charter provide for the election of county council members by the voters of the entire county.

Fiscal Summary

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

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.

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