

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 6 (Senator Blount) (Task Force to Review the State's Election Law)
Economic & Environmental Affairs Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

Commission to Revise the Election Code

This amended bill creates a nine-member Commission to Revise the Election Code. The commission's scope includes reviewing the election code, the organization of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL) and the local elections boards, the integration of computer technology into the election process, and the conduct of elections. Each member of the commission is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. The Department of Legislative Reference is to provide staff for the commission.

The commission must submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 1997.

The bill is effective from June 1, 1996 to December 31, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Commission members would serve without compensation but would be reimbursed for expenses under the State travel regulations. Any such expenditures would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the commission's meetings. Expenses are assumed to be minimal and able to be handled with existing resources of the Executive and Legislative branches.

The Department of Legislative Reference could provide staff to the commission with existing

resources.

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