

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 507 (Senator Collins, et al.)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Election Laws - Absentee Voters - Publication**

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This bill requires the State Administrative Board of Election Laws (SABEL) to request that applicants for an absentee ballot indicate whether the information on the application can be made available for examination by any registered voter. The bill prohibits the local elections boards from making this information available for examination by any registered voter without the consent of the applicant.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Requiring SABEL to request certain information on an absentee ballot application would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None. Local elections boards could change the absentee ballot applications and restrict access to the information on these ballots with existing resources.

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