

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 268 (Delegate M. Burns)
Judiciary

Circuit Court Judges - Gubernatorial Appointments - Senate Confirmation

This bill proposes an amendment to the Maryland Constitution that requires the advice and consent of the Senate for appointments of circuit court judges.

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 Board of Election Laws' budget.

Local Expenditures: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment would be submitted to 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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