## **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

## FISCAL NOTE Revised

Senate Bill 139 (Senator Teitelbaum, et al.)

Economic & Environmental Affairs Referred to Commerce & Government Matters

## **Election Laws - Judges of Election - Declines**

This enrolled bill authorizes a local elections board to appoint as election judges a certain number of registered voters who have declined to affiliate with a political party if the board cannot find a judge(s) from the majority party or principal minority party. If the total number of judges in a precinct is eight or more, the number of "declines" may not exceed the lesser of the number of judges who belong to the majority party or principal minority party. A local elections board may not appoint a "decline" to serve as a chief judge. Further, the bill requires the appointment of a person who declined to affiliate with a party if an election judge, who is also a decline, is absent from the polls.

## **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** None. Authorizing local elections boards to appoint "declines" to serve as election judges would not directly affect county finances.

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