

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 522 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Prince George's County - Senators and Delegates - Filling of Vacancy by Special
Election
PG 435-97**

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate for a district that lies wholly in Prince George's County and that occurs at least seven days prior to the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy for the election of representatives to Congress that is held in the second year of a General Assembly term. The vacancy must be filled at a special election to coincide with the next statewide election for representatives of Congress.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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. It is anticipated that the budget of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws for fiscal 1999 will contain funding for publishing constitutional amendments for the 1998 general election.

Local Expenditures: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment

will be submitted to the voters at the 1998 general election. It should not require additional costs for the county election boards to administer the election.

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