

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 943 (Delegate Barve)
Commerce and Government Matters

Reorganization of State Government by Executive Order - Repeal

This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution which repeals the authority of the Governor to reorganize State government by executive order.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None, as discussed below.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill does not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: It is anticipated that the Governor would still be able to determine the structure of the executive branch through the legislative process, and that the outcome of any reorganization would be similar to a reorganization through an executive order.

The Maryland Constitution requires bills that propose 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 for the State Board of Elections 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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