

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 73 (Senator Haines)  
Judicial Proceedings

---

**Courts - Immunity from Civil Liability - Local Boards of Supervisors of Elections**

---

This bill provides immunity from civil liability to a “local board of elections” (including members) while acting in a discretionary capacity without malice and within the scope of the board’s official authority.

---

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not substantively change State activities or finances.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate expenditure decrease to the extent that local governments would no longer be fiscally responsible in civil liability cases. According to the Office of the Attorney General, no civil liability suits have been filed against any member of a local board of elections in recent years. This bill would preclude any such actions in the future.

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

---

**Information Source(s):** Office of the Attorney General, Department of Fiscal Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - January 10, 1997

lc

---

Analysis by: Lori Caldwell-Valentine

Reviewed by: John Rixey

Direct Inquiries to:

John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst

(410) 841-3710

(301) 858-3710