Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 744 (St. Mary's County Delegation) Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

St. Mary's County - Subdivision Regulations - Authority

This amended bill clarifies that the authority of St. Mary's County to regulate the subdivision of land includes specific provisions provided in Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Every subdivision plat intended for recording must be prepared by a certified professional engineer or land surveyor. The recordation of the subdivision plat operates to transfer to the county such portions of the premises platted as is on the plat set apart for streets, alleys, or other public use and to transfer any easement indicated on the plat to the county to create a public right of passage over the plat. The conveyance of interest in a plat does not create an obligation upon the county to pay for certain improvements.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill's provisions could make it easier for St. Mary's County to process and verify titles to land.

Small Business Effect: Minimal effect on small businesses. Certified professional engineers or land surveyors could experience an increase in their businesses. The increase would be minimal.

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