## **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

## **FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 396 (Delegate Walkup) Commerce and Government Matters

## **Kent County - Decisions of the Sanitary Commission - County Commissioners or Designee May Hear Appeals**

This bill authorizes the Kent County Commissioners or their designee to hear and decide appeals brought by persons affected by decisions of the Kent County Sanitary Commission. However, the county commissioners or their designee may not hear appeals on any decision of the sanitary commission concerning usage charges. A person is not required to bring such an appeal to the county commissioners before the person brings an appeal to the circuit court. A decision of the county commissioners or their designee is final.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Any costs associated with appeal hearings would be minimal, and could be handled with Kent County's existing resources. To the extent that any decisions made by the Kent County Sanitary Commission are overturned by the county commissioners, the sanitary commission's operations would be impacted. The magnitude and direction of such an impact cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

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

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