

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 631 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Prince George's County - Specimen Ballots - Primary Election
PG 419-98

This bill requires the Prince George's County Board of Elections to mail a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter, at least one week before the primary election. Currently, this requirement only applies to the general election.

This bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures would increase by approximately \$121,000 for each primary election held in the county. Revenues would not be directly affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The Prince George's County Board of Elections mails specimen ballots for the general election to approximately 300,000 households. It costs approximately \$121,300 to print (\$40,000) and mail (\$81,300) these ballots. The bill requires the board to also mail specimen ballots for the primary election. The next primary election, after the proposed legislation's July 1, 1998 effective date, is September 1998. Thus, county expenditures would increase by \$121,300 per primary election due to the additional printing and mailing costs.

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