

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

Senate Bill 71 (Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee)  
(Departmental - Secretary of State)

Judicial Proceedings

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Special Police Officers

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This amended departmental bill requires the suspension of a special police officer's commission when the entity that requested the appointment files a written notice stating that the special police officer has been suspended. The bill also authorizes the Governor to suspend the commission of a special police officer and allows the Governor to delegate authority to terminate or suspend the commission of a special police officer to the Secretary of State or the Assistant Secretary of State, or both. A special police officer must surrender any special police officer identification or badge within 48 hours after termination or suspension of employment or of a commission.

In addition, the bill provides for the continuation of an officer's commission if (1) the officer's employer transfers the business property the officer protects to another person for legitimate and legal business purposes; and (2) the transferee files a form with the Secretary of State affirming that the transferee will assume all responsibilities of the original employer.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill's new requirements could be handled with existing resources. The portion of the bill dealing with continuations merely codifies existing administrative practice.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Secretary of State has determined that this bill has minimal or

no impact on small businesses (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.  
(This assessment does not reflect any amendments to the bill).

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**Information Source(s):** Secretary of State, Governor's Office

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