

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 552 (Senator Frv)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Election Code - Prohibition of Contributions by Foreign Nationals

This bill prohibits a foreign national from making a contribution or transfer, directly or indirectly, to a candidate, treasurer, or committee. The bill also prohibits a candidate, treasurer, or committee from soliciting or accepting a contribution from a foreign national. Under current law, there is no prohibition against a foreign national making a contribution to a candidate, treasurer, or committee.

The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The State Board of Elections could monitor campaign finance reports with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections, Department of Legislative Services

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