

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 6 (Delegate Weir)

Commerce and Government Matters

Commission to Study Single-Member Legislative Districting for the General Assembly

This joint resolution calls for the creation of an 11-member Commission to Study Single-Member Legislative Districting for the General Assembly. The commission, comprised of three Delegates, three Senators, and five private citizens appointed by the Governor, is to study the feasibility and desirability of proposing a constitutional amendment instituting a system of single-member legislative districts. Members may not be compensated, but may be reimbursed for expenses. The commission is to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in general fund expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: A joint resolution is an expression of legislative intent only; hence, general fund expenditures are not directly affected. Should compliance with this joint resolution occur, however, general fund expenditures for reimbursements under the standard State travel regulations would increase by an amount dependent upon the frequency, time, and location of the commission's meetings. Accordingly, any increase in expenditures stemming from the meetings of this 11-member commission is indeterminate but is assumed to be minimal.

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