

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 736 (Senator Madden)

Budget and Taxation

Fire Departments - Privatization - Referendum Required

This bill prohibits a county or municipality from privatizing fire, emergency medical, paramedic, or rescue services unless an enactment to that effect is submitted to referendum and is passed by a majority of voters in the county or municipality during a general or special election. Currently there are no privatized fire, emergency medical, paramedic, or rescue services in the State of Maryland.

This bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Should a county or municipality seek to privatize these services, any costs associated with a referendum could be handled with existing resources of local boards of election.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Allegany County, State Board of Elections, Maryland Volunteer Firefighters Association

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