

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 187 (Delegate Dembrow, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Courts of Appeals - Name Change

This amended bill proposes a constitutional amendment to change the name of the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court of Maryland and the name of the Court of Special Appeals to the Maryland Appellate Court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal effect on general fund expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The Maryland Constitution requires that proposed amendments to the Constitution be publicized in at least two newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least three newspapers in Baltimore City once a week for four weeks immediately preceding a general election. The costs associated with these requirements are borne by the State. The fiscal 1999 budget of the State Board of Elections contains funding for publishing constitutional amendments for the 1998 general election.

While the Judiciary would incur some incidental expenses related to the name changes, they would not be significant and could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Expenditures: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters at the 1998 general election. It should not require additional costs for the county election boards to administer the election.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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