

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 337 (Senator Conway, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore City - Circuit Court - Clerk Vacancy

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment requiring the judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City to fill a vacancy in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court within 60 days from the date of the occurrence of the vacancy.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in general fund expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: If approved by the voters, this constitutional amendment would not materially affect State finances.

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.

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 boards to administer the election.

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

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