

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 978 (Delegate Comeau *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Chartered Counties - Contract Actions - Statute of Limitations

This bill alters the statute of limitations for contract actions against a charter county by providing that the time period for filing suit is within one year from the date on which the claim arose. Under current law, a claimant may file suit against a charter county provided it is within one year after completion of the contract giving rise to the claim, or within one year of the date the claim arose, whichever is later.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate expenditure decrease. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Shortening the time period in which a charter county may be sued by a contractor could result in decreased expenditures for these counties for legal costs. The savings in legal costs as well as the number of claims which would be affected by this bill cannot be determined at this time.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel County, Harford County, Talbot County

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - March 3, 1998

Inc

Analysis by: Thomas Hickey

Reviewed by: John Rixey

Direct Inquiries to:

John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst

(410) 841-3710

(301) 858-3710