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FISCAL NOTE

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Senate Bill 510 (Senator Baker)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Cecil County - Election and Terms of Office for the Board of County Commissioners

This bill proposes an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to exclude the Board of County Commissioners for Cecil County from the requirements that county elections be conducted on a quadrennial basis and that terms of office of commissioners be for four-year terms.

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. It is anticipated that the fiscal 2001 budget of the State Board of Elections will contain funding for publishing constitutional amendments for the 2000 general election.

Local Effect: If approved by the General Assembly, this constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters at the 2000 general election. It should not require additional costs for the county election boards to administer the election.

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