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Senate Bill 11 (Senator Green)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Election Judges - Selection Process and Appointment of Minors

This bill authorizes local boards of election to appoint individuals who are not members of the majority party or principal minority party to serve as election judges in precincts with six or more election judges. The bill also authorizes the Prince George's County Board of Elections to select minors at least age 17 to serve as election judges in precincts with six or more election judges, provided the minors meet all other criteria for voter registration in the county. Under current law, local boards of election may only appoint individuals who are not members of the majority party or principal minority party to serve as election judges in precincts with 8 or more election judges.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Although the number of judge candidates available could increase as a result of this bill, local election boards' finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Current law requires that election judges be compensated at not less than \$20 for each day served. The rate of compensation for election judges ranges from \$65 to \$110 in the counties and Baltimore City.

Information Source(s): Montgomery, Prince George's, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties; Department of Legislative Services

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