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Senate Bill 331 (Senator Miller. *et al.*)

Economic & Environmental Affairs

Quadrennial Elections - Baltimore City Elections

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment requiring that elections for officers in Baltimore City be held only on a four-year election cycle concurrent with State and county elections. The bill also provides that candidates elected in Baltimore City on November 2, 1999, and any individual who is appointed to fill a vacancy in such office, shall serve a term of three years. Beginning in 2002 Baltimore City elections will be held at the same time as State and county elections. Candidates elected in 2002 will serve a normal four-year term.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal effect on general fund expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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 Expenditures: 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.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City, State Board of Elections, Department of Legislative Services

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