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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 245 (Delegate Kagan. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Election Laws - Filing Deadline for Certificate of Candidacy - Late Withdrawal

This bill requires the State Board of Elections or local boards of election to continue accepting certificates of candidacy for up to 15 days after the deadline if an incumbent elected official withdraws from a race. The bill would also allow another candidate for the contest to file a certificate of withdrawal through this extension period.

Under current law an incumbent candidate who withdraws from a race has to file a certificate of withdrawal within 10 days after the certificate of candidacy deadline (10 weeks before the primary). No further certificates of candidacy are accepted; instead an authorized political committee is required to designate a candidate to replace the incumbent candidate within 5 days of the withdrawal deadline.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any costs associated with accepting certificates of candidacy or withdrawal past the deadline could be handled with existing resources of the State Board of Elections.

Local Effect: None. Any costs associated with accepting certificates of candidacy or withdrawal past the deadline could be handled with existing resources of the local boards.

Small Business Effect: None.

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