## **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 1999 Session

## **FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 365 (Senator Frosh)

Judicial Proceedings

## **Crimes - Forgery - Creation of Instruments**

This bill modifies the felonies of forgery and counterfeiting by establishing that a violation is deemed to have occurred where: (1) the defrauded person resides; (2) the defrauded person has a place of business; or (3) an act in furtherance of the violation occurred.

## **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None. Felony trials are generally held in the circuit courts.

**Local Effect:** None. While expanding the jurisdictions from whence a charge of forgery or counterfeiting may be brought has the potential to increase or decrease the caseload of individual circuit courts, it is assumed that this change will not have any measurable fiscal impact on any particular court or the Judiciary as a whole.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

**First Reader - February 25**, 1999

lnc/jr

Analysis by: Guy G. Cherry Direct Inquiries to:

John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst

(410) 946-5510 (301) 970-5510