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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 416 (Montgomery County Delegation)

Judiciary

Montgomery County - Small Claim Actions - Service of Process - Business Entities
MC 906-99

This bill provides that service of process on an employee, of suitable age and discretion, of a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company at the principal office binds the organization in a small claim action filed in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County. Under current law, process must generally be served upon an organization's resident agent, officer, or partner.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. The bill would make it easier to serve business organizations with process in small claim actions in Montgomery County because it expands the group of people eligible to receive service. As a consequence, some cases could proceed more quickly and/or more plaintiffs could obtain judgments against organizations in small claims court.

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