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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 337 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Prince George's County - Specimen Ballots - Primary Election
PG 404-99

This bill requires the Prince George's County Board of Elections to mail a specimen ballot to the household of each registered voter at least 1 week before the primary election. Currently, this requirement only applies to the general election.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures would increase by approximately \$136,350 in FY 2000. Future expenditures would depend upon the number of voters registered in the county. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The Prince George's County Board of Elections mails specimen ballots for the general election to approximately 370,000 registered voters. For the 1998 general election, it cost approximately \$135,000 to print (\$47,500) and mail (\$87,500) these ballots. The proposed legislation requires the board to also mail specimen ballots for the primary election. The next primary election is March of 2000. Assuming the number of registered voters remains constant and there is an increase of 1% in these costs, county expenditures would increase by approximately \$136,350 in fiscal 2000.

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