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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 248 (Delegate Fulton)

Commerce and Government Matters

Baltimore City - City Manager

This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to establish a City Manager for Baltimore City, appointed by the City Council, who would be responsible for administrative matters and daily operations of Baltimore City Government. The City Manager may only be removed for just cause by a three-quarters vote of the City Council. The bill also specifies the powers and duties of the City Manager.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland Constitution requires that proposed amendments to the constitution be publicized in at least 2 newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least 3 newspapers in Baltimore City once a week for 4 weeks immediately preceding a general election. The costs associated with these requirements are borne by the State. It is anticipated that the FY 2001 budget of the State Board of Elections will contain funding for publishing constitutional amendments for the 2000 general election.

Local Effect: 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.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Should the voters approve the amendment at the November 2000 general election there would be a potential indeterminate effect on city expenditures. Baltimore City advises that the actual impact would depend upon the compensation level set by the Mayor and City Council and whether this would be a new position or a reorganization of the current position of Chief of Staff.

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