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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 338 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Prince George's County - Senators and Delegates - Filling of Vacancy by
Special Election
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This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for the filling of a vacancy in the office of senator or delegate, for a district that lies wholly in Prince George's County, that occurs at least 7 days prior to the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy for the election of representatives to Congress that is held in the second year of the General Assembly term. The vacancy must be filled at a special election to coincide with the next statewide election for representatives of Congress.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: 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 budget of the State Board of Elections for fiscal 2001 will contain funding for publishing constitutional amendments for the 2000 general election.

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