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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 239 (Delegate Kagan. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

**Election Law - Certificate of Candidacy - Death of Incumbent - Extension of Filing
Deadline**

This bill requires the State Board of Elections or local boards of election to continue accepting certificates of candidacy for up to 15 days after the deadline if an incumbent elected official dies within 7 days of the deadline. The bill also allows another candidate for the contest to file a certificate of withdrawal through this extension period. Under current law, the deadline for filing a certificate of candidacy is 10 weeks before the primary election.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Any costs associated with accepting certificates of candidacy or withdrawal past the deadline could be handled with existing resources of the State Board of Elections.

Local Effect: None. Any costs associated with accepting certificates of candidacy or withdrawal past the deadline could be handled with existing resources of local boards.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections, Department of Legislative Services

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