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FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 20 (Delegate Hurson. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Study Commission on Maryland Campaign Finance Laws

This joint resolution establishes a 17-member Study Commission on Maryland Campaign Finance Laws. The commission is required to: (1) examine the State election code as it relates to campaign financing; (2) collect information about campaign financing practices and standards for other jurisdictions; (3) examine the cost and practicality of implementing a system of public financing of statewide and legislative election campaigns in Maryland; and (4) consider specified issues related to campaign contributions.

Staff for the commission is to be provided by the Department of Legislative Services and the State Board of Elections. The commission is required to report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed statutory changes to the Maryland campaign finance laws for consideration by the General Assembly in the 2003 session, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2002. The commission terminates June 30, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with this joint resolution would not materially affect State operations or finances. Staffing requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: No commission of this type exists.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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