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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 843   (Senator Green)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Election Law - Election Judges - Residency Requirements

This bill alters the residency qualifications for election judges by requiring that election judges reside in the county in which they are appointed to serve. If a qualified election judge residing in the county cannot be found with reasonable effort, the local board of elections may appoint a judge who resides anywhere in the State.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The change in residency requirements would not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Any relief that the bill provides for counties that have difficulty finding qualified election judges would not materially affect local finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Unless a qualified individual cannot be found with reasonable effort, an election judge must be a registered voter who resides in the election district or ward of the precinct in which the judge is appointed to work. If a qualified judge cannot be found, the local board of elections may appoint a registered voter from anywhere in the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections, Charles County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County

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