

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

2000 Session

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 906 (Senator Della)

Rules

Constitutional Amendment - Omnibus Corrective and Curative Legislation

This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland prohibiting the General Assembly from passing omnibus corrective or curative legislation that results in substantive changes to the laws of this State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Maryland Constitution requires that proposed amendments to the constitution be publicized in at least two newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least three newspapers in Baltimore City once a week for four weeks immediately preceding a general election. The State is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The proposed FY 2001 budget of the State Board of Elections contains 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 result in additional costs for the county election boards.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable. In practice, the annual curative and corrective bills are generally intended to be nonsubstantive.

Cross File: None.

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