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Senate Bill 647 (Senators Neall and Middleton)

Finance

Local Boards of Election - Employee Compensation

This bill transfers the authority for setting the compensation rates of local election board employees who are not covered by their county merit system from the Department of Budget and Management to the State Board of Elections.

This bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations. Election boards are funded by the local jurisdictions.

Local Effect: Potential minimal.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: If not in a county's merit system, employees of local elections boards are part of the State Personnel Management System. Salaries for these local election board employees are determined by the State but paid by the local jurisdiction. There are four counties that allow election board employees to participate their merit system: Allegany, Calvert, Montgomery, and Prince George's.

Local Fiscal Effect: The State Board of Elections advises that it intends to increase salaries for affected local election board employees by about 15%. Approximately 140 election board employees will be affected, earning annual salaries ranging from \$18,000 to \$55,000. Accordingly, it is estimated that for fiscal 2001 there could be total salary increases of \$650,000 for the 20 affected jurisdictions for an average increase of about \$32,500 per subdivision.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 881 (Delegate Cadden, *et al.*) - Commerce and Government Matters.

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