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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1161 (Delegate Dembrow)
Commerce and Government Matters

**Election Law - State Board of Elections - Internet Website - Candidate and
Ballot Question Directory**

This bill requires the State Board of Elections to maintain a candidate and ballot question directory on its official Internet website. The directory would include the name, photograph, biography, and an issue(s) statement by every candidate filing a certificate of candidacy with the State board or a local board. A description of each ballot question would also be posted on the site. The State board is required to adopt regulations to implement the bill's provisions.

The bill is effective October 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: \$15,000 general fund expenditure increase for the State Board of Elections in FY 2003 for purchasing hardware and software necessary for an electronic database with graphical interface and online querying capabilities. Maintenance of the system in the out-years could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	15,000	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no requirement to list candidates or ballot questions on the State Board of Elections' website.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): State Board of Elections; Anne Arundel, Garrett, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties; Department of Legislative Services

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