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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 627

(Delegate Wood)

(Department of Legislative Services)

Commerce and Government Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Municipal Corporations - Charter Amendment Resolutions - Effectiveness

This bill repeals provisions that require municipal charter amendment resolutions, municipal annexation resolutions, and other documents related to municipal charters to be registered with the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) before becoming effective. The bill also requires: (1) the mayor or other chief executive officer of a municipality to send charter amendment resolutions and annexation resolutions to DLS within ten days after the resolution becomes effective; and (2) a municipality to promptly answer an inquiry by DLS and verify, by a signed and notarized statement, that copies of all charter enactments, amendments, or repeals from the previous calendar year have already been sent to DLS.

The bill is effective June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The financial impact of this bill on Maryland municipalities would be negligible as registering documents with the Department of Legislative Services is still required. Legal costs may be avoided for those documents that were not properly registered.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Municipal charter amendments, municipal annexation resolutions, and other documents related to municipal charters must be registered with the Department of Legislative Services before they become effective. A municipality must promptly answer an inquiry by DLS and verify that copies of all charter enactments, amendments, or repeals from the previous calendar year have already been sent to DLS.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 690 (Senator Blount) – Economic and Environmental Affairs.

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