

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2001 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1398 (Delegate Kittleman)  
Commerce and Government Matters

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**Election Law - Campaign Finance - Slates**

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This bill repeals the authority for two or more candidates to form a political committee known as a “slate” and related provisions.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The State Board of Elections would have to make minor updates to compliance materials and instructions. This could be accomplished with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A slate may be formed by two or more candidates to conduct and pay for joint campaign activities. There is no limit on the amount of money that can be transferred among candidate members of a slate.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill, HB 175, was introduced in the 1999 session. It received an unfavorable report from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** State Board of Elections, Frederick and Prince George's counties, Department of Legislative Services

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