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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1201 (Delegates Kagan and Mandel)
Commerce and Government Matters

Election Law - Local Regulation of Campaign Finance

This bill authorizes counties to regulate campaign finance provided that any adopted provision be as stringent as and consistent with State campaign finance law.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Should a local government decide to regulate campaign finance pursuant to the bill, the significance of any increased expenditures would depend on the requirements of such regulation. It is anticipated, however, that most local provisions could be handled within existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Campaign finances are regulated by the State Board of Elections.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: An identical bill (HB 533) was unfavorably reported by the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee in the 2001 session.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Allegany County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Maryland State Board of Elections, Baltimore City, Department of Legislative Services

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