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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 877

(Delegate Cane, *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

**County Officials - Vacancies Filled by the Governor - Advertising by Central
Committees**

This bill requires central committees to advertise vacancies in local newspapers before selecting and submitting names to the Governor for the purpose of filling vacancies on school boards, county commissions, or other county offices. Central committees must submit evidence of the advertising to the Governor when submitting selected names.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None. The requirements of the bill would minimally increase advertising costs for local political parties, but would not affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: State law requires the Governor to appoint new members of a county commission or school board when a vacancy occurs. Central committees of the political party affiliated with a departing member are required to submit a name or list of names from which the Governor must select.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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