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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 688 (Delegate Arnick)
Commerce and Government Matters

Waiver of Residency Requirements for Incumbent Senators and Delegates

This bill proposes a Constitutional amendment that would exempt incumbent Senators and Delegates from the residency requirements of the State Legislative Districting Plan for the period between the adoption of the plan, to the date of the first election following adoption, if an incumbent's previous district had been altered by the plan.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The Maryland Constitution requires that proposed amendments to the constitution be publicized either: (1) in at least two newspapers in each county, if available, and in at least three newspapers in Baltimore City once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the general election; or (2) by order of the Governor in a manner provided by law. State law requires local boards of elections to publicize proposed amendments to the constitution either in newspapers or on specimen ballots; local boards of elections are responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. It is anticipated that the FY 2003 budgets of local election boards will contain funding for notifying qualified voters about proposed constitutional amendments for the 2002 general election in newspapers or on specimen ballots.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Article III, section nine of the Maryland Constitution requires a representative to have resided in the district they have chosen to represent for at least six months prior to the date of their election. If the district has not been in existence for six months, a representative must have lived within the district for as long as it has been established.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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