# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2003 Session

## FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 610 (Senator Harris) Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

### **Election Law - Formation of Slates**

This bill limits the formation of "slates" to candidates who have filed or intend to file certificates of candidacy for offices that appear on the same election ballot. The State Board of Elections may adopt regulations to implement the bill's provisions.

## **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill is technical in nature and would not affect governmental operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

### Analysis

**Current Law:** Two or more candidates who have established separate campaign finance entities may form a slate. To join a slate, a candidate must file a written notice with the board where the candidate filed a certificate of candidacy that specifies the name of the slate and the date on which the candidate joined. There is no limit on the amount of money that can be transferred among candidate members of a slate.

## **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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