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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 77 (Delegate Hubbard)
Ways and Means

Election Law - Voting - Minors Accompanying Parents

This bill requires an election judge to allow a minor child accompanying a voter to have access to the voting booth at a polling place.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: A one-time expenditure of \$5,000 in FY 2005 by the State Board of Elections for printing of updated signs for approximately 1,800 polling places would be reimbursed by the local election boards. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: Minimal expenditure increase to pay for signs.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Children over the age of ten are prohibited from accompanying a voter into the voting booth. Other individuals allowed into a voting booth are (1) election judges assisting voters upon request; (2) polling place staff; (3) a member or other representative of the State Board of Elections; and (4) an accredited watcher or challenger.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 23 (Senator Green) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

Information Source(s): Washington County, Montgomery County, Worcester County, Maryland State Board of Elections, Department of Legislative Services

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