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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 397 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Ways and Means

**Election Law - Montgomery County - Regulation of Campaign Finance
MC 308-03**

This bill authorizes Montgomery County to regulate campaign finance activity associated with members or candidates for the Montgomery County executive or county council, provided that any provisions are as stringent as and consistent with State campaign finance laws.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Administration of any local regulation as a result of the bill could be handled with the existing resources of the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State election code does not authorize local regulation of campaign finance activity.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 533 of the 2001 session would have authorized all counties to regulate local campaign finance activity. The bill was unfavorably reported from the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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