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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 64 (Delegate Dwyer)
Ways and Means

County Public Libraries - Boards of Trustees - Repeal of Corporate Charter Exemption

This bill alters the governing structure at certain local library systems by replacing the existing self-perpetuating boards of library trustees with local boards appointed by the county governing body.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Altering the governing structure at four local library systems would not affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The county governing body appoints members to the board of library trustees from nominees submitted by the board, except in jurisdictions where a library board existed prior to 1945 under a corporate charter.

Background: Chapter 770 of 1971 required the board of library trustees in each county to be appointed by the county governing body from nominees submitted by the board of library trustees. The Act enabled a library board that existed prior to 1945 under a corporate charter to continue as constituted. This exemption affects the boards of library trustees in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, and Washington counties.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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