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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 501
Judiciary

(Cecil County Delegation)

Cecil County - Circuit Court - County Administrative Judge

This bill requires that the County Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Cecil County be the judge with the longest tenure as a circuit court judge in Cecil County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Changing the selection process for the County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Cecil County would not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None. Changing the selection process for the County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Cecil County would not directly affect local finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Court of Appeals has the power to make rules and regulations to govern the practice and procedure and judicial administration in all of the courts of the State.

Under the Maryland Rules, after considering the recommendation of the Circuit Administrative Judge, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may appoint a judge of the circuit court for any county to be County Administrative Judge of the circuit court for that county. County Administrative Judges serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

A County Administrative Judge is subject to the supervision of the Circuit Administrative Judge. County Administrative Judges are responsible for the administration of justice and for the administration of the circuit court for that county, including:

- supervision of all judges, officers, and employees of the court;
- assignment of judges to the circuit court of the county under specific circumstances;
- supervision and expeditious disposition of cases filed in the court;
- control of the trial calendar; and
- preparation of the court's budget.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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