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House Bill 1409
Ways and Means

(Frederick County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - County Commissioners - Residency Requirements

This emergency bill stipulates that a candidate for Frederick County Commissioner must be a resident and registered voter of the county for at least six months immediately prior to the date of the election. A county commissioner no longer residing in Frederick County may not continue as a county commissioner.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Imposing a residency requirement on the Frederick County Commissioners and candidates for county commissioner would not impact county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is currently no residency requirement for the Frederick County Commissioners or candidates for county commissioner.

Background: Eight counties operate under the commission form of government. Other commission counties impose a residency requirement on county commissioners and candidates for county commissioner. In Cecil County, for example, a person is ineligible as a candidate for county commissioner, unless the individual is a resident of the commissioner district at the time of nomination and election.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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