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Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

**Prince George's County - Election Law - Election Director Included Under the
County Merit System
PG 427-07**

This bill includes the Election Director of Prince George's County under the county's merit system.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Including the Election Director of Prince George's County under the county's merit system would not materially impact county finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Prince George's County Election Director is not employed under the county's merit system. If employees of a local election board are covered by its county's merit system, the employee must be classified as employees under the merit system, and their appointment and removal are subject to the county's personnel regulations.

If a local election board's employees are not covered by the county merit system, then the employees must be in the skilled or professional service of the State Personnel Management System, and appointment and removal of these employees must be consistent with statute governing those classifications. This requirement does not apply

to the Election Director of Prince George's County, since statute specifically places this individual in exempt service of the county's personnel system.

Background: A local election director has a number of functions, including appointing local election board employees; training election judges; giving notice of elections; receiving certificates of candidacy; receiving and maintaining campaign finance reports; and processing and rejecting absentee ballots (pursuant to statute).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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