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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 89 (Senator Kelley, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Election Law - Certificate of Candidacy - Address Requirement

This bill requires a candidate for public or party office to include the current address of the individual's domicile as defined in the State vehicle laws on a certificate of candidacy form.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A candidate for public or party office must specify on a certificate of candidacy form: (1) the office, including, if applicable, the party, district, and circuit to which the candidacy relates; (2) the year of the election; (3) the name of the individual filing the certificate; (4) the address on the statewide voter registration list or the current address of that individual; (5) a statement that the individual satisfies the requirements for candidacy for the applicable office; and (6) any information requested by the State Board of Elections to verify the submitted information.

“Domicile” is defined in the State vehicle laws as a person's true, fixed, permanent home, which the person does not have a present intention of completely abandoning, and to which the person has the intention of returning whenever absent. It does not include a

temporary dwelling unless a person has a present intention to permanently or indefinitely abandon the person's former domicile.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Washington, Prince George's, Kent, and Worcester counties; State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

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