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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 879
Judiciary

(Delegate Sophocleus, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Criminal Law - Counterfeiting - Venue

This bill includes the county in which an alleged counterfeit deed or other instrument is recorded in the county land records filed with the clerk of the circuit court, or filed with the register of wills, as venue for the prosecution of (1) counterfeiting of private instruments and documents; or (2) a crime based on an act that establishes the counterfeiting of a private instrument or document.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is procedural in nature and is not expected to have a material effect on State resources.

Local Effect: The bill is procedural in nature and is not expected to have a material effect on local finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The prosecution of the alleged counterfeiting of a private instrument or document or a crime based on an act that establishes the counterfeiting of a private instrument or document may be commenced in any county in which (1) an element of the crime occurred; (2) the victim resides; or (3) the victim conducts business, if the victim is not an individual.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 511 (Senator Stone) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Carroll and St. Mary's counties, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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