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House Bill 1183 (Calvert County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Calvert County - County Treasurer - Removal From Office

This emergency bill authorizes the Calvert County Commissioners to remove the Calvert County Treasurer from office if (1) the treasurer is not present in the treasurer's office for the transaction of business in accordance with the Public Local Laws of Calvert County for at least eight months during a calendar year and (2) the treasurer fails to provide the county commissioners with a certificate of sale within one week after the county tax sale in accordance with the Tax – Property Article for each property offered for sale at the tax sale for which there was no private purchaser.

The bill specifies that actions taken or not taken by the treasurer within one year before the effective date of the bill may provide a basis for the county commissioners to remove the treasurer from office after the effective date of the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Removal of the county treasurer from office under the bill does not affect Calvert County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Calvert County Treasurer is subject to removal for willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office upon conviction in a court of law. The treasurer is elected

by the qualified voters of the county and serves for four years from January 1 after election or until a successor is elected and qualified.

The treasurer is required to keep the treasurer's office open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. Either the treasurer or the deputy treasurer must be in the office during those hours of operation for the transaction of business.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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