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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

House Bill 879 (Delegate Rose, *et al.*)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Carroll County - County Commissioner Districts - Alterations

This emergency bill modifies the Carroll County commissioner district plan, as enacted by Chapter 34 of the 2021 special session and Chapter 102 of 2022 regular session, in order to consolidate smaller census tracts into larger neighboring tracts.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill applies only to Carroll County.

Local Effect: None. The bill is technical in nature.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The boundaries of local electoral districts must be redrawn every 10 years following the decennial census to adjust for population changes. Chapter 34 of the 2021 special session, an emergency Act, adjusted the boundaries of the five commissioner districts from which the five members of the Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County are elected. Chapter 102 of 2022, also an emergency Act, further adjusted the districts to correct for omitted census tracts.

Carroll County is one of six counties that operate under the county commission form of government. Commission counties have limited powers and only those powers that are expressly delegated by the General Assembly. Alterations to the boundaries of commissioner districts must receive the approval of the General Assembly.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 733 (Carroll County Senators) - Education, Energy, and the Environment.

Information Source(s): Carroll County; Department of Legislative Services

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