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First Reader

House Bill 1381 (Delegate J. Long)
Rules and Executive Nominations

House of Delegates - Renaming

This proposed constitutional amendment (1) renames the House of Delegates as the House of Representatives and establishes that the House of Representatives is the successor to the House of Delegates; (2) alters terminology in the Maryland Constitution so that references to Representatives and Senators, in addition to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Register of Wills, Treasurer, and Mayor of Baltimore, are gender neutral; and (3) makes conforming changes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is technical in nature and has no material effect on State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The House of Delegates is one of the two chambers of the Maryland General Assembly. It is comprised of 141 delegates who represent 47 legislative districts (3 per district), and the Speaker of the House provides leadership for the chamber.

Generally, the Maryland Constitution refers to constitutional officers and other elected officials exclusively as males.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Maryland Municipal League; Maryland State Board of Elections; Department of Legislative Services

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