

Testimony Against HB0075

Honorable Delegates

Please vote against HB0075.

Currently, for special elections to fill a vacancy for County Council or County Executive, a primary is required. The bill does not describe the need to allow the Council to bypass the primary nor does it describe why this is an emergency. Does the requestor, (the State Board of Elections) know that there will be a vacancy soon in one of the Counties? Also, why would the bill not want the Council to be required to send voters a specimen ballot for the special general election.

We would especially need a specimen ballot if the special election would be run as non-partisan. By having the names in advance, we could better search the Internet for their positions on issues, and for those who are party loyal no matter what, determine the party affiliation of the candidates.

Without stating why this bill is needed or what the emergency need is, please vote against HB0075.

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