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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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House Bill 909
Judiciary

(Delegate Valentino-Smith, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Criminal Procedure - Venue for Prosecution of Murder and Manslaughter

This bill authorizes the prosecution of a person for first degree murder, second degree murder, or manslaughter to be brought in the county in which the crime occurred or, if the location of the crime cannot be determined, in the county in which the body or parts of the body were found. The bill's provisions do not apply if an existing statutory exception for prosecutorial venue applies to the case.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is procedural and does not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill is procedural and does not materially affect local finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Crimes are typically prosecuted in the jurisdiction in which they were committed. However, statute provides exceptions in specific instances, such as when (1) a person is feloniously stricken or poisoned in a county but dies in another county; (2) a crime is committed on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and not in a county; and (3) a crime is committed at the boundary between counties.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 872 (Senator Jacobs) - Judicial Proceedings.

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