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House Bill 1077
Ways and Means

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County Board of Elections - Election Director - Appointment Requirement
MC 26-16

This bill requires an affirmative vote of at least three duly confirmed regular members of the Montgomery County Board of Elections, at least one of whom must be a member of the principal minority party, in order to appoint an election director.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect Montgomery County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Montgomery County, the local board of elections consists of five regular members and two substitute members.

A local board of elections exists in each county of the State, and each local board and its staff are subject to the direction and authority of the State Board of Elections. Each local board of elections appoints an election director to manage the operations and supervise the staff of the local board. Subject to the requirements of the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the policies and guidance of the local board of elections,

an election director has authority to, among other things, appoint the employees of the local board; train election judges; give notice of elections; verify petitions; and, in consultation with the local board, conduct the canvass following an election.

Under the Election Law Article, “principal minority party” means the principal political party whose candidate for Governor received the second highest number of votes of any party candidate at the last preceding general election.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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