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Maryland General Assembly  
2021 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Joint Resolution 2 (Senator Ellis)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Urging the Renaming of the Town of Indian Head**

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This joint resolution urges the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head to rename the town in order to better reflect the State of Maryland's respect of indigenous history, culture, and persons.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Compliance with this joint resolution does not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** Local government finances are not affected, as discussed below.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Pursuant to § 5-204 of the Local Government Article, only a municipality can change its name.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Local government finances are not affected by the joint resolution, which urges the Mayor and Town Council to rename the town. However, to the extent the Town of Indian Head elects to change its name, expenditures could increase by as much as \$120,600. This estimate reflects the cost of replacing signage; updating the town website, e-mail addresses, Code, forms, uniforms, and other materials; and hiring a graphic designer to design a new flag and town seal.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Town of Indian Head; Department of Legislative Services

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