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Bill Number:	S. 0482	Introduced on February 2, 2023
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Subject:	Selection of Magistrates	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that a candidate for a judicial office and boards of universities and entities listed in Section 2-20-320 must receive a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives (House) and a majority vote of the members of the Senate, as opposed to a majority vote of the General Assembly. Also, the legislative delegation will recommend nominees for magistrates to the Governor.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the House. We also anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact on the Senate or the Governor's Office. The responsibilities of this bill are within the normal course of business for both the General Assembly and the Governor's Office. Additionally, this bill will have no expenditure impact for Judicial as it does not operationally or fiscally impact Judicial.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill specifies that a candidate for a judicial office and boards of universities and entities listed in Section 2-20-320 must receive a majority vote of the members of the House and a majority vote of the members of the Senate. Also, the legislative delegation will recommend nominees for magistrates to the Governor. Currently, a candidate for these positions must receive a majority vote of the General Assembly and a senatorial delegation recommends nominees for magistrates to the Governor.

This bill modifies the election process for judges and specific boards within the General Assembly to require a majority vote from both the Senate and House, rather than just a majority vote of the General Assembly as a whole. This bill also adds the option for House member to serve on the delegation to nominate magistrates.

Electing judges and nominations are within the normal course of business for the Governor's Office and the General Assembly. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the House, and we anticipate will have no impact for the Governor's Office and the Senate.

Additionally, this bill will have no expenditure impact for Judicial as it does not operationally or fiscally impact Judicial.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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