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House Bill 746

Washington County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Washington County Board of Elections - Salary Increase

This bill increases the minimum compensation for the members of the Washington County local board of elections and election judges. The president of the local board would receive a minimum of \$5,000 and the remaining three members would each receive \$4,500. Election judges would receive \$100 per election day and chief election judges would receive \$125.

The bill's provisions take effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County expenditures would increase by \$71,900 in FY 2003 and by \$44,950 each in FY 2004 and FY 2005. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Currently, the president of the Washington County local board makes \$2,600 per year and the regular members of the board receive \$2,300. Chief election judges make \$100 per day and regular election judges make \$80.

The next term of office for the members of the board begins in July 2003. Election judges are appointed for terms beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before each

statewide primary election and ending the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before the next statewide primary election.

Local Fiscal Effect: Washington County expenditures would increase by \$35,950 per election. This estimate reflects the cost of increasing the compensation of 86 chief election judges and 252 election judges. Total expenditures would increase by \$71,900 in fiscal 2003 for the gubernatorial primary and general elections. In fiscal 2004, total expenditures would increase by \$44,950, which accounts for the March presidential primary and a \$9,000 increase in the compensation of the local board members that takes effect at the beginning of their new term of office in July 2003. There would be an increase of \$44,950 in fiscal 2005 as well for the presidential general election and the continued salary increase of the local board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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