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House Bill 153

(Frederick County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Frederick County - State's Attorney - Salary

This bill increases the salary of the Frederick County State's Attorney from 90% to 100% of the salary of a State District Court judge, beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County personnel expenditures would increase by \$7,200 in FY 2007 and by \$15,500 in FY 2009. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The fiscal 2006 salary of the Frederick County State's Attorney is \$103,052 which is 90% of a District Court judge's salary. Salary adjustments for local officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Frederick County State's Attorney is January 2007.

Background: The salary of the Frederick County State's Attorney was last changed by Chapter 511 of 2002, when it was increased from 80% to 90% of a District Court judge's salary. Full salary increases for District Court judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission were implemented by operation of law following the 2005 session of the General Assembly. As such, the salaries of District Court judges increased as outlined in **Exhibit 1**. **Exhibit 2** shows the fiscal 2005 actual salaries for the State's Attorneys of surrounding counties.

Exhibit 1
District Court Judges' Salaries
Fiscal 2006 - 2009

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>
2006	\$114,502
2007	118,502
2008	122,752
2009	127,252

Exhibit 2
State's Attorneys' Salaries for Selected Maryland Counties
Fiscal 2005 Actuals

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Allegany	73,871	\$101,027
Carroll	166,159	89,802
Frederick	217,653	101,027
Howard	266,738	112,252
Montgomery	921,690	142,110
Washington	139,624	101,027

Source: *Compensation Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2005*, Institute for Governmental Service, University of Maryland

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County personnel expenditures could increase by \$7,211 in fiscal 2007, reflecting the six-month period from January through June 2007 and by \$15,487 in fiscal 2009. The estimate assumes a constant fringe benefit employer contribution rate of 21.7% as advised by the county, and it assumes that the salary of a District Court judge will remain constant beyond fiscal 2009. To the extent that a District Court judge's salary is adjusted after fiscal 2009, the salary of the Frederick County State's Attorney would adjust accordingly. **Exhibit 3** shows the compensation increase for the Frederick County State's Attorney for fiscal 2007 through 2011.

Exhibit 3
Increased Compensation for the Frederick County State's Attorney
Fiscal 2007 – 2011

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salary Increase</u>	<u>Fringe Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$5,925	\$1,286	\$7,211
2008	12,275	2,664	14,939
2009	12,725	2,761	15,487
2010	12,725	2,761	15,487
2011	12,725	2,761	15,487

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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