

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2006 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 915

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

---

Prince George's County - Orphans' Court - Compensation of Judges  
PG 303-06

---

This bill increases the annual compensation for each judge of the Orphans' Court of Prince George's County by \$5,500, beginning with the next term of office. Specifically, the annual salary for the chief judge increases from \$37,000 to \$42,500, and for each associate judge from \$36,500 to \$42,000.

---

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$10,600 in FY 2007 and \$21,100 annually beginning in FY 2008.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

---

Analysis

**Current Law:** The Orphans' Court of Prince George's County consists of one chief judge and two associate judges. Each judge is elected for a four-year term at the time of the gubernatorial election. The compensation for the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of Prince George's County is \$37,000 per year. The compensation for each associate judge of the court is \$36,500 per year.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Salary expenditures increase by \$16,500 and fringe benefit expenditures (at 28%) increase by \$4,620. Total increased expenditures for Prince

George's County are \$21,120 annually beginning in fiscal 2008. The next election for orphans' court judges in Prince George's County is in November 2006. Judges elected at that time will take office in January 2007. Because the salary increase will not go into effect until the next term, expenditures would increase by \$10,560 in fiscal 2007.

---

### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - February 24, 2006  
ncs/jr

---

Analysis by: Amy A. Devadas

Direct Inquiries to:  
(410) 946-5510  
(301) 970-5510