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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 40 (Senator Colburn)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Environmental Matters

Dorchester County - Membership of Sanitary Commission

This bill increases the number of sanitary commissioners in Dorchester County from five to six.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill only affects local government operations.

Local Effect: Dorchester County expenditures increase by \$1,200 annually to support the salary of the additional commissioner. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Dorchester County Sanitary Commission is a public corporate body authorized by the General Assembly to operate as a monopoly in the provision of water and sewer services. The sanitary commission is the governing body of the county's sanitary district and consists of five members appointed by the Dorchester County Council to six-year terms.

Background: Dorchester County advises that the additional commissioner position established by the bill will allow for better representation of the Madison and Woolford communities in the Dorchester County Sanitary District. According to the Dorchester

County Council, the Madison-Woolford area is currently undergoing a sewer expansion project to connect an additional 300 properties now served by septic systems.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: Although HB 113 (Delegate Eckardt, *et al.* – Environmental Matters) is designated as a cross file, it is different.

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