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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 520 (St. Mary's County Delegation)
Environmental Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

St. Mary's County - Public Officials - Salaries

This bill increases the salaries of certain public officials in St. Mary's County including the county treasurer, sheriff, orphans' court judges, and board of county commissioners, to take effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures increase by \$15,600 in FY 2015 and by \$47,400 in FY 2019 for increased salary and benefits for county officials. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Salary changes for public officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office. In St. Mary's County, the term of office for county commissioners, the sheriff, treasurer, and orphans' court judges begins in January 2015. Proposed salary changes for St. Mary's County public officials are shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Background: The St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners consists of five members, including the president, who each serve four-year terms. St. Mary's County has three orphans' court judges.

Local Fiscal Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures would increase by \$31,194 in calendar year 2015 and by \$47,357 in calendar year 2018 for increased salary and benefits for county officials included in this bill. On a fiscal year basis, St. Mary's

County expenditures increase by \$15,597 in fiscal 2015 and by \$47,357 in fiscal 2019. **Exhibit 2** shows the breakdown of the increase in compensation for each position, and **Exhibit 3** shows the total compensation increase for all public officials included in the bill. This estimate assumes that the benefits rate remains constant.

Exhibit 1
Proposed Salary Changes for St. Mary's County Officials

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Increase</u>
BOCC – President	Current	\$43,000	
	2015	43,430	430
	2016	43,864	864
	2017	44,303	1,303
	2018	44,746	1,746
BOCC – Commissioner	Current	\$38,000	
	2015	38,380	380
	2016	38,764	764
	2017	39,152	1,152
	2018	39,544	1,544
Treasurer	Current	\$48,000	
	2015	50,000	2,000
	2016	50,500	2,500
	2017	51,005	3,005
	2018	51,515	3,515
Sheriff	Current	\$82,000	
	2015	100,000	18,000
	2016	102,000	20,000
	2017	104,040	22,040
	2018	106,120	24,120
Orphans' Court Judges	Current	\$7,500	
	2015	9,000	1,500
	2016	9,000	1,500
	2017	9,000	1,500
	2018	9,000	1,500

Exhibit 2
Compensation Changes for St. Mary's County Officials
2015-2018

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Salary Increase</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
BOCC – President	2015	\$430	\$74	\$504
	2016	864	149	1,013
	2017	1,303	225	1,528
	2018	1,746	301	2,047
BOCC – Commissioner	2015	380	65	445
	2016	764	132	896
	2017	1,152	199	1,351
	2018	1,544	266	1,810
Treasurer	2015	2,000	345	2,345
	2016	2,500	432	2,932
	2017	3,005	519	3,524
	2018	3,515	607	4,122
Sheriff	2015	18,000	3,714	21,714
	2016	20,000	4,127	24,127
	2017	22,040	4,548	26,588
	2018	24,120	4,977	29,097
Orphans' Court Judges	2015	1,500	117	1,617
	2016	1,500	117	1,617
	2017	1,500	117	1,617
	2018	1,500	117	1,617

Exhibit 3
St. Mary's County Public Officials – Total Annual Compensation Increase
2015-2018

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
BOCC – President	\$504	\$1,013	\$1,528	\$2,047
BOCC – Commissioner	1,780	3,584	5,404	7,240
Treasurer	2,345	2,932	3,524	4,122
Sheriff	21,714	24,127	26,588	29,097
Orphans' Court Judges	4,851	4,851	4,851	4,851
Total	\$31,194	\$36,507	\$41,895	\$47,357

Additional Information

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