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Senate Bill 136
Judicial Proceedings

(Senator Mathias)

Somerset County – State’s Attorney - Salary

This bill increases, from \$98,000 to \$101,000, the salary of the Somerset County State’s Attorney. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary increase takes effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Somerset County expenditures increase by \$1,800 in FY 2019 and by \$3,600 annually thereafter. Local revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Somerset County State’s Attorney receives an annual salary of \$98,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the salary for the State’s Attorney in each county based on fiscal 2016 data, as provided by the Maryland Association of Counties.

Exhibit 1
State's Attorney Salaries
Fiscal 2016

County	Salary
Allegany	\$122,850
Anne Arundel	170,518
Baltimore City	238,772
Baltimore	202,165
Calvert	122,850
Caroline	113,066
Carroll	113,067
Cecil	134,267
Charles	140,352
Dorchester	113,066
Frederick	154,333
Garrett	113,066
Harford	114,587
Howard	141,333
Kent	109,200
Montgomery	205,688
Prince George's	199,000
Queen Anne's	131,808
St. Mary's	114,526
Somerset	98,000
Talbot	109,200
Washington	114,527
Wicomico	122,850
Worcester	118,627

Source: Maryland Association of Counties

Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution prohibits the salary or compensation of any public officer from being increased or diminished during the individual's term of office, except those whose full term is fixed by law in excess of four years.

Local Expenditures: County expenditures increase by \$1,779 in fiscal 2019 and by \$3,557 annually thereafter. The estimate accounts for the salary increase taking effect in January 2019, the beginning of the next term of office, and includes fringe benefits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 152 (Delegate Otto) - Environment and Transportation.

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