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House Bill 809

(Howard County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Howard County - Sheriff's Salary
Ho. Co. 8-18

This bill increases the salary of the Howard County Sheriff as follows: (1) \$101,000 in calendar 2019; (2) \$105,000 in calendar 2020; (3) \$109,000 in calendar 2021; and (4) \$113,000 in calendar 2022. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary increases take effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Howard County expenditures increase by at least \$2,000 in FY 2019 and by at least \$6,000 annually thereafter. Local revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Howard County Sheriff receives an annual salary of \$97,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the salary for the sheriff in other counties based on fiscal 2018 data, as provided by the Maryland Association of Counties.

Exhibit 1
Sheriff Salaries
Fiscal 2018

County	Salary
Allegany	\$74,263
Anne Arundel	132,999
Baltimore City	132,600
Baltimore	90,000
Calvert	90,480
Caroline	80,000
Carroll	90,001
Cecil	79,675
Charles	143,036
Dorchester	89,500
Frederick	125,000
Garrett	85,000
Harford	120,086
Kent	85,000
Montgomery	161,495
Prince George's	154,333
Queen Anne's	132,000
St. Mary's	104,040
Somerset	60,000
Talbot	81,954
Washington	100,000
Wicomico	95,000
Worcester	88,000

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. According to a Letter from the Counsel to the General Assembly, dated January 17, 1978, salary increases that are to be implemented over a period of time are permissible if implemented before the beginning of the term.

Local Expenditures: County expenditures increase by a minimum of \$2,333 in fiscal 2019 and by a minimum of \$6,000 annually thereafter. The estimate does not include any impact on fringe benefits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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