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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 206

(The President)(By Request - Department of Legislative
Services - Code Revision)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Code Revision - Courts - Sheriffs' Salaries and Expenses

This code revision bill revises, restates, and recodifies the laws of the State that relate to sheriffs' salaries and expenses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill's provisions are intended as nonsubstantive revisions; there is no fiscal impact.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The Maryland Constitution requires each local jurisdiction to elect a sheriff, whose responsibilities may include law enforcement, serving papers as directed by the court, providing courtroom security, transporting prisoners, and administering local detention centers. In the large jurisdictions with a separate law enforcement agency, the sheriff's responsibilities are primarily as an officer of the court with responsibility for court security and service of process. Sheriffs' offices in other counties have significant law enforcement responsibilities in addition to their functions on behalf of the courts. Although local jurisdictions are solely responsible for funding sheriff's offices, the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article sets forth provisions regarding the salaries and expenses of these local offices. The bill makes technical and stylistic changes to the statute.

Background: While not part of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) formal code revision project, which was completed in 2016 with the reenactment of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, this revision was initiated by DLS under its statutory responsibility to maintain the clarity, simplicity, and consistency of style of statutory law.

Additional Comments: Every effort is made to ensure that a proposed revision conforms as nearly as possible to the intent of the General Assembly, and all these revisions are highlighted in the revisor's notes.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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