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Third Reader

House Bill 794 (Carroll County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Carroll County - Sheriff - Salary

This bill increases the salary of the Carroll County Sheriff as follows: (1) beginning December 6, 2022, the salary is increased from \$110,000 to \$125,000, and (2) beginning December 5, 2023, the salary is increased to \$140,000. 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: Carroll County expenditures increase by \$10,200 in FY 2023, by \$27,600 in FY 2024, and by \$34,900 annually thereafter. Local revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The annual salary of the Carroll County Sheriff is \$110,000.

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 \$10,172 in fiscal 2023, by \$27,609 in fiscal 2024, and by \$34,875 annually thereafter. The estimate includes fringe benefits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 613 (Carroll County Senators) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Carroll County; Department of Legislative Services

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