

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1032 (Delegate Slade) (St. Mary's County Delegation)
Ways and Means

St. Mary's County - County Board of Education - Election of Members

This bill alters the method of selecting members to the St. Mary's County Board of Education by requiring one member to be elected from each of the four county commissioner districts and one member to be elected from the county at large. Under current law members are appointed by the Governor. In addition, the bill provides for one nonvoting student member to be elected by qualified students of the county school system.

Board members' salaries are set at \$4,300 annually for the board chairman and \$4,000 annually for the remaining four voting members. The terms of all incumbent appointed members of the board terminate on December 1, 1996, at which time the elected board members assume the positions. This bill takes effect June 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures would increase by \$9,500 in FY 1997. Revenues would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: This bill increases the chairman's salary from \$1,200 to \$4,300 and members' salaries from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Accordingly, St. Mary's County expenditures would increase by \$9,473 (\$8,800 in salaries and \$673 in social security taxes) in fiscal 1997 and \$16,255 (\$15,100 in salaries and \$1,155 in social security taxes) on an annualized basis.

In addition, county expenditures may increase as a result of additional printing and advertising requirements for including school board nominees on the general election ballot.

Additional costs associated with the counting and transmittal of ballots may also be incurred by the county. Any such increases, however, are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

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