

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 307 (Delegate Benson)  
Appropriations

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District Court - Clerks

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This bill requires a District Court county clerk in each county and Baltimore City. The bill sets the salary of a clerk at the highest State salary grade and step that does not exceed the salary of the clerk of the circuit court for that jurisdiction. The bill also sets the salary of a chief administrative clerk at the salary of an assistant chief clerk of the District Court.

The bill is effective July 1, 1996.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** \$1.2 million general fund expenditure increase in FY 1997. Out-year costs reflect 3.5% salary increases and 3% employee turnover. Revenues would not be affected.

(in thous. of \$)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	1,205	1,209	1,252	1,296	1,341
Net Effect	(\$1,205)	(\$1,209)	(\$1,252)	(\$1,296)	(\$1,341)

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds

**Local Effect:** None.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Expenditures:** Under the bill, six new county clerks would be appointed in those jurisdictions where the chief administrative clerks now serve as the county clerk. These jurisdictions are Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties. In addition, the bill increases the salaries of the existing 18 county

clerks and the 12 chief administrative clerks. As a result, general fund expenditures would increase by \$1.2 million in fiscal 1997. Out-year expenditures reflect 3.5% annual salary increases and 3% employee turnover.

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