

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1241 (Calvert County Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters

Referred to Judicial Proceedings

Calvert County - Board of County Commissioners, Sheriff, and Judges - Salaries

This amended bill increases the salaries of specified officials in Calvert County beginning with the next term of office. The increases are: (1) from \$27,500 to \$32,500 for the President of the Board of County Commissioners; (2) from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for Associate Members of the Board of County Commissioners; (3) from \$48,000 to \$51,000 for the Sheriff; (4) from \$4,700 to \$5,200 for the Orphans' Court Chief Judge; and (5) from \$4,500 to \$5,000 for Orphans' Court Associate Judges. County commissioners may also be reimbursed for reasonable costs incurred in carrying out their duties up to \$2,000 annually.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State expenditures would increase by a minimal amount as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: Calvert County expenditures would increase by \$17,700 in FY 1999 and by \$35,400 annually thereafter.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the Calvert County Sheriff. Based on the State's fiscal 1998 employer contribution rate of 8.21% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$123 in fiscal 1999 and by \$246 annually thereafter. Actual increases will depend upon the contribution rate in effect for any given year.

Local Expenditures: The bill increases the salaries of the five county commissioners, the Sheriff, and the three Orphans' Court judges in Calvert County by a combined \$29,500

annually beginning with the next term of office. Currently, the county provides fringe benefits equal to 20.65% of salaries. However, fringe benefits are only 12.65% for the Sheriff since the State pays the employer's retirement contribution. Based on this, expenditures would increase by \$17,676 in fiscal 1999. This estimate reflects the increases in salaries and fringe benefits for six months. Annually, expenditures would increase by \$35,352.

Currently, the county commissioners have a self-imposed reimbursement limit of \$2,000 annually. Thus, the bill's limitation clarifies current practice.

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