

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 701 (Senator Colburn)
Judicial Proceedings

Dorchester County - State's Attorney - Salary Adjustment

This bill sets the salary of the Dorchester County State's Attorney at 85% of the salary of a Judge of the District Court, instead of at 75%. The salary may not increase or decrease during a term of office.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Dorchester County expenditures would increase by \$4,800 in FY 1999 reflecting the increase in salary and fringe benefits for six months. Future increases would depend upon the salary of a District Court Judge as approved by the General Assembly. No effect on revenues.

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 Dorchester County State's Attorney. Based on the State's fiscal 1998 employer contribution rate of 8.21% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$366 in fiscal 1999. Future increases would depend upon the salary of a District Court Judge as approved by the General Assembly. Actual increases would also depend upon the contribution rate in effect for any given year.

Local Effect: The bill increases the salary of the Dorchester County State's Attorney from \$66,900 to \$75,820, or by \$8,920 annually, based on the current salary of a District Court Judge (\$89,200). As a result, expenditures would increase by \$4,816 in fiscal 1999. This estimate reflects the salary increase for six months and fringe benefits at 7.99% of the salary. Annually, expenditures would increase by \$9,632. Future increases would depend upon the salary of a District Court Judge as approved by the General Assembly.

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