

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 594 (Senators Derr and Ferguson)  
(Frederick County Senators)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Frederick County - Orphans' Court Judges, State's Attorney, Treasurer, and  
Sheriff - Salary Adjustments**

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This bill increases the salaries of certain officials in Frederick County as follows: (1) State's Attorney, from \$52,000 to 80% of a District Court Judge's salary; (2) County Treasurer, from \$40,000 to \$50,000; (3) Sheriff, from \$40,000 to \$50,000; (4) Orphans' Court Chief Judge, from \$5,000 to \$6,500; and (5) Orphans' Court Associate Judges, from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The State's Attorney's salary may not increase or decrease during the term of office. These increases do not apply until the next term of office.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Frederick County expenditures would increase by \$25,500 in FY 1999, reflecting the increases in salaries and fringe benefits for six months. Future expenditure 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.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** The bill increases the salaries of six officials in Frederick County by a combined \$42,860 annually beginning in calendar 1999. Of this, the increase in the State's Attorney's salary accounts for \$19,360 based on the salary being 80% of the salary of a District Court Judge (currently at \$89,200). The State's Attorney's annual salary would be \$71,360. Thus, expenditures would increase by \$25,513 in fiscal 1999. This estimate

reflects the increases in salaries and fringe benefits at 18.65% of salaries (20.37% for the Sheriff) for six months. Future expenditure increases would depend upon the salary of a District Court Judge as approved by the General Assembly.

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