

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 378 (Senator Collins) (Baltimore County State's Attorney)
Judicial Proceedings

**Baltimore County - State's Attorney - Salary and Appointment of
Deputy and Assistant State's Attorneys**

This bill repeals the maximum salary limits for Deputy State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorneys in Baltimore County. Instead, their salaries will be set by the State's Attorney, subject to the approval of the County Executive and County Council. The bill also repeals the number and full-time status designation of Assistant State's Attorneys. The County Executive will determine the number of Assistant State's Attorneys.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: No effect on expenditures in FY 1998. Indeterminate effect beginning in FY 1999, and annually thereafter.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Currently, there are two Deputy State's Attorneys and 40 Assistant State's Attorneys in Baltimore County. In fiscal 1997 the county budgeted approximately \$165,400 in salaries for the Deputy State's Attorneys and \$2.0 million for the Assistant State's Attorneys. Under the bill, these salaries will be set by the State's Attorney, subject to the approval of the County Executive and County Council. In addition, the County Executive will determine the number of Assistant State's Attorneys. For fiscal 1998, the county advises that salaries will not be impacted by the bill's provisions. However, in the out-years, expenditures could be affected depending upon the actions of the County Executive and County Council. At this time, the magnitude and direction of any changes in salaries and in the number of Assistant State's Attorneys is unknown.

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