

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 974 (Delegate Guns. *et al.*)

Commerce and Government Matters

Cecil County - Board of County Commissioners

This bill increases from three to five the number of members of the Cecil County Board of County Commissioners. The commissioners must be elected at large. Before the bill is legally effective, it must be approved by the voters of the county at the November 1998 general election. If approved by the voters the two new commissioners will be elected at the November 2002 general election. If the proposed increase is rejected, the bill's provisions are null and void.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: If the voters of Cecil County approve of the increase in membership, and assuming the current salary of a commissioner remains the same, expenditures would increase by \$46,438 in FY 2003 for six months and by \$92,875 on an annualized basis. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Bill Summary: If the voters approve of the increase at the November 1998 general election, following the 2000 United States Census a commissioner district committee shall be established to issue recommendations on the boundaries of the five commissioner districts to the General Assembly. The committee will consist of seven members, three of whom are appointed by the county democratic central committee, three of whom are appointed by the county republican central committee, and one of whom is appointed by the county board of elections. The committee is required to issue its recommendations to the General Assembly

by December 31, 2001. The recommendations for the boundaries of the five commissioner districts must be of substantially equal population based on the 2000 census data.

Local Expenditures: If the increase is approved, expenditures would increase by \$46,438 in fiscal 2003. This estimate reflects the salaries (\$30,000) and fringe benefits at 35% of salaries for the two new county commissioners, and operating costs (\$9,400) for six months. Annualized expenditures would increase by approximately \$92,875 reflecting salaries, fringe benefits, and operating costs for a full-year.

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